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U.S. force to police Sinai pact

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (Agencies) — The United States reached an agreement Wednesday with Egypt and Israel on Sinai peacekeeping force, U.S. officials said. The arrangement includes the use of American observers and reconnaissance flights to monitor Israel's return of the desert to Egyptian control.

The State Department has begun consultations with Congress to seek approval of the U.S. presence. The officials, who asked not to be identified, said the ground forces would be composed primarily of Egyptians and Israelis.

The breakthrough came in the second day of talks in Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance's office. Participants included Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and Egyptian Defense Minister Kemal Hassan Ali.

Meanwhile the State Department confirmed Tuesday that a U.S. Middle East specialist exchanged angry words with visiting Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman at a weekend reception.

Spokesman Hodding Carter said reports by Israeli correspondents who overheard the rift during a reception given by Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Eylon on Saturday night were basically correct.

According to several of these accounts the exchange started when Harold Saunders, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, chided Weizman for not giving the United States a detailed report on a joint Egyptian-Israeli proposal for a Sinai peacekeeping force.

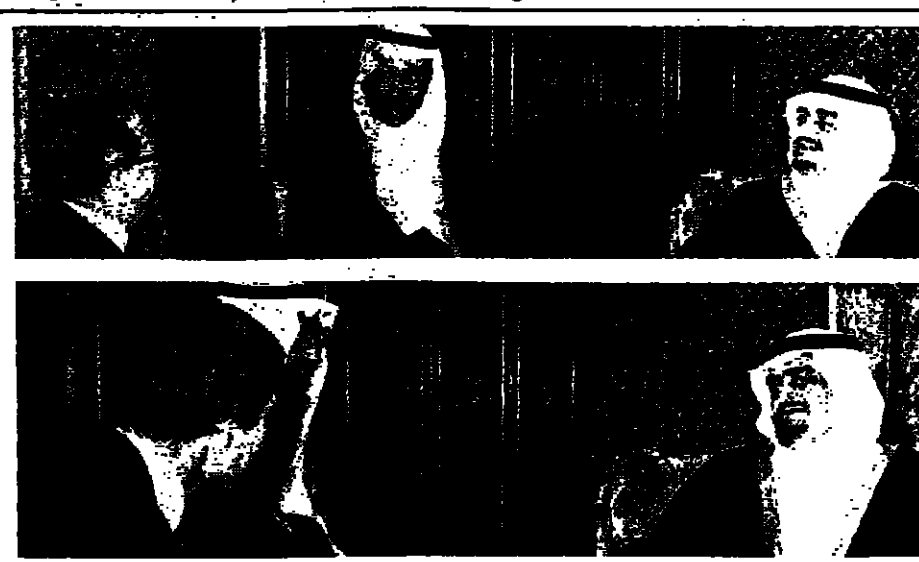
"Is this called friendship?" Saunders was reported to have asked.

Weizman responded by angrily criticizing the United States for condemning Israeli military strikes in Lebanon without offering its own policy of dealing with Palestinian guerrillas there.

In another development Egypt and Israel have agreed in principle to establish a navigational line between their two main Mediterranean ports, Alexandria and Haifa, the weekly Egyptian magazine *Al-Ahram* said Wednesday.

Weizman, currently in Washington for negotiations on a Sinai peacekeeping force, authorized Congressman Paul Findley, Republican-Illinois, to release the pledge Tuesday and later conferred in telling reporters: "If we do have to revert to using arms — which we hope we don't have to — we shall discuss and compare notes with our friends in the United States."

The Defense Minister said Israel had consulted with Washington on past strikes on Lebanon, his remarks caused some confusion here, and the opposition Labor Party called for a policy debate in the parliament Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.



CREDENTIALS: Crown Prince Fahd Wednesday received the credentials of three new ambassadors. Top picture shows the Prince with the Spanish Ambassador Don Manen Maria and bottom with Canada's William John. The crown prince also received the credentials of Hajj Ali Ya'qub as Gambia's new ambassador to the Kingdom.

Ship, goods missing

'Piracy' stirs concern

JEDDAH, Sept. 19 (SPA) — High-level contacts were underway Wednesday with Lebanese authorities over a Jeddah-bound merchandise which was unloaded from ship at Jueih, north of Beirut.

An official statement said here that cargo documents were "changed" while the ship was in the Red Sea.

The ship, which the statement did not identify, was apparently rerouted to the Mediterranean and discharged her cargo in the Christian stronghold of Jueih.

The statement said Saudi importers have complained to Crown Prince Fahd and that the prince has shown "deep concern over the incident."

It quoted Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman

al Solaim as saying that the "government will spare no effort to protect the rights of the Saudi nationals."

The minister underlined the "dangerous implications of such an incident which took the form of piracy that could recur in the future."

He also pointed to consequences on international trade in the Arab region.

Dr. Solaim, current chairman of the Conference of Gulf Commerce Ministers, has notified his colleagues of the incident, the statement added.

He will also inform Arab Chambers of Commerce and shipping conferences of the case, the statement concluded.



VIOLENCE: Fears rose in Spain Wednesday of a resumption of violence after two army officers were ambushed and killed on their way to work. Shown are police officers inspecting the jeep in Bilbao later Wednesday.

U.S. officials report

Soviet role in Afghan war heavier

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (Agencies) — U.S. officials say it appears the Soviets are "getting more deeply entangled" in Afghanistan's civil war.

The officials, who declined to be identified, told newsmen Tuesday night that U.S. analysts do not know yet what the change in Afghan leadership means.

Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin took the presidency from Nur Muhammad Taraki in a weekend coup.

The officials said there were about 3,000 Soviet military advisers in Afghanistan and that the Soviets have suffered about 80 casualties in fighting between the Soviet-supported government forces and rebel Muslim tribesmen.

They said Afghan military officers have been ordered to clear their actions with Soviet officers and that the Soviets are in control of key airfields.

Meanwhile, the officials said, Soviet paratroopers have been kept on what was described as "moderate alert" in the southern part of the Soviet Union.

These officials suggested that both sides in the war may be digging in for a long-term fight.

In Tehran, an Iranian government official

said the replacement of Taraki by a more radical leadership signalled a violent policy toward the Muslim people of Afghanistan.

The official Pars news agency said Sadeq Tabatabai described Taraki's replacement by Amin as a "cotton coup."

"It is difficult to ignore the fact that Afghanistan is one of the bases of the Soviet Union because, as a base for the Soviet Union, it can bring that country closer to warm waters," he said.

Talks with U.S. blacks

Hoss hits Israeli 'savagery'

BEIRUT, Sept. 19 (R) — Lebanese Premier Selim Hoss said his government rejected the Israeli contention that attacks on Southern Lebanon were necessitated by the presence of Palestinian commando camps there.

He said he had told the SCLC delegation that Israel was responsible for the existence of Palestinians in the south because Israel had been the cause of the Palestinians' displacement from their homes, first when the Jewish state was established in 1948 — and once again in the 1967 Middle East war.

Hoss told reporters after the meeting he had explained his government's view of developments in Lebanon to the American delegation, which is led by SCLC President Rev. Joseph Lowery.

The premier said he briefed the delegation on "the very savage attacks which Israel is waging on the civilian population of Lebanon by land, sea and air."

Israeli bombing raids and artillery bombardments this year have killed and wounded hundreds of civilians and have driven

In London

Fahd to keynote Jerusalem parley

LONDON, Sept. 19 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has been invited to open a world seminar on Jerusalem here on Dec. 3, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Wednesday.

Yamani was addressing newsmen after chairing a five-day meeting of a preparatory committee which opened here Saturday.

He said that he was confident Prince Fahd will honor the invitation to open the seminar and deliver the keynote address, "as his presence would enhance the work of the seminar and have wide ranging repercussions in view of his and Saudi Arabia's prestige."

Yamani said that Saudi Arabia — which backed the Palestinian cause at all levels — has decided to cover the whole cost of the seminar.

He added that the seminar will show world opinion in general and the European public, in particular, new aspects of the problem of Jerusalem, which is part of the overall Palestinian problem.

He said that a number of other prominent world figures will address the seminar on the importance of Jerusalem for Muslims. It will also cover the idea of a Jewish state, the history of Jerusalem, attempts at Judaizing it and the legal situation there.

He added that a committee to collect research papers on the problem and a follow-up committee will be set up. The latter will be made up of representatives from the Saudi information ministry and the Islamic Secretariat.

The information ministry will also sponsor several radio and TV programs on the seminar and will distribute them to all Islamic countries. In addition to this, documentary films on Jerusalem and Palestine will be shown between the sessions of the seminar here.

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He said that once world public opinion looked upon the problem as one of refugees, but everyone is now aware that "there is a Palestinian people which has been expelled from its land through force, terror, confiscation and the like. No one today ignores the fact that this people has legitimate rights which have to be respected if peace is to prevail in the area and the shadow of a world conflagration removed," he said.

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Soviet bid to oust Pol Pot defeated in U.N. committee

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 19 (R) — The U.N. General Assembly's Credentials Committee Wednesday rebuffed a Soviet bid to oust the Cambodian delegation sent by the former Pol Pot government.

Approval of the Pol Pot government was proposed by China.

The full assembly will take up the nine-nation committee's recommendation Friday.

The vote to accept the Pol Pot delegation credential was as follows: Belgium, China, Ecuador, Pakistan, Senegal and United States in favor; Congo, Panama and Soviet Union against.

Congo served notice during the debate that it would move later to have the Cambodian seat remain vacant. Soviet ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky expressed support for this, but Chou Nan of China strongly opposed any such attempt.

In Tuesday's opening session the assembly's new president, Ambassador Salim Ahmed Salim of Tanzania said the core of the Middle East problem was the denial of Palestinian rights to self-determination, including the right to establish an independent state.

In an address delivered after his election, Salim described the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the representative of the Palestinians.

Salim, nominated by the African group of countries for the presidency, attacked racism and colonialism in southern Africa and

asserted that nowhere else had human rights violations taken such a massive and grotesque form.

Without mentioning Israel by name, Salim referred to "the senseless bombings of civilian targets in Lebanon."

"The world community must redouble its efforts to end this tragedy so that the freedom, independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon are respected," he said.

Salim said the Middle East situation remained fluid and complex. "Peace in the Middle East will continue to elude the area if the root cause of the conflict is not taken fully into account," he said.

"The core of the Middle East problem is the continued denial of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including the right to establish an independent state."

Salim, 37, has been his country's chief U.N. delegate for the past nine years and for most of that period chairman of the Special Committee on Decolonization.

Salim welcomed the trend toward detente and peaceful coexistence, but declared that co-operation among states must be universal and not confined to one group.

Salim also spoke of Third World attempts to obtain a bigger share of global wealth and to end dependence on uncertain markets for their raw material exports.

Hussein, Arafat hold talks

AMMAN, Sept. 19 (Agencies) — Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat Wednesday discussed the Middle East situation and the Palestine issue with King Hussein of Jordan and his top aides, officials said.

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Hussein will go to New York early next week, a palace statement said Wednesday.

Palestinian sources said Arafat was accompanied by a high ranking delegation.

The team included two members of the Palestinian Executive Committee, Yasser Abd Rabbo and Abdul Muhsin Abu Maizer.

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Hussein and Arafat have had several meetings since their long break in relations in 1970, when the Jordanian monarch cracked down on Palestinian commandos in an effort to put an end to their political activity and to drive them out of Jordan.

They have had three meetings since last year at the Jordanian military base of Mafraq on the Jordanian-Syrian border, and recently had the opportunity to discuss Middle East developments while attending the nonaligned conference in Havana two weeks ago.

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Gold slips back in hectic trading

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The fix was seven dollars down on gold's morning level of \$376 — reached after frenzied and wide fluctuations in the price throughout world markets. It sold for \$395 in Hong Kong at one point.

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auction where 750,000 ounces of gold fetched an average \$377.78 an ounce. This was more than \$75 higher than prices at a similar auction a month earlier.

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Jordan receives Arab funds

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The payments were made during the past week, Minister of Finance Muhammad Debbas said in a statement.

Under the Baghdad summit resolutions \$1.25 billion were allotted to Jordan, to be paid by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, Libya, Algeria and the United Arab Emirates.

This week's payments came from Saudi Arabia \$119 million; Kuwait \$61 million; and Qatar \$27 million.

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On return to Taipei

China premier praises alliance with Kingdom

TAIPEI, Sept. 19 (Agencies) — Nationalist Chinese Premier Sun Yun-suan said Wednesday relations with Saudi Arabia were strengthened during his three-day official visit to Jeddah.

Meeting reporters at Taipei's Military Airport on his return, Sun said Saudi Arabia "is the best ally of the Republic of China."

The Saudi government expressed its strong support for his country in the world political arena.

The two nations agreed to widen their trade and cooperation programs, with Taiwan helping Saudi Arabia in military training and construction projects.

He exchanged views on the world situation with Crown Prince Fahd and other top Saudi officials on three occasions in a "cordial atmosphere."

Economic Minister Chang Kwang-shih, who attended the fourth Sino-Saudi economic cooperation conference this week, said the two countries resolved to work closely in industry.

For Dhul Qida crescent

Public asked to scan sky

TAIPEI, Sept. 19 (SPA) — The Supreme Council of the Judiciary Wednesday called on the public to try to spot the crescent of Dhul Qida on Friday night.

The first who catches a glimpse of the new moon is requested to report to the nearest court to con-

agriculture, transport, trade, finance, energy and science and technology.

Soong Chu-yul, director general of the Government Information Office, told reporters that Saudi officials lauded Taiwan for its unity and unwavering national stand after the break of diplomatic relations with the United States in January.

He said Prince Fahd has accepted Sun's invitation to visit Taipei, but no date has been set.

Saudi Arabia also agreed to upgrade its diplomatic ties by appointing a resident ambassador to Taipei, and to supply Taiwan with adequate oil for its industrial use, Soong added. In return, Taiwan will help train Saudi military personnel and extend technical assistance for the Kingdom's weapons assembly and maintenance.

Others accompanying Sun were Foreign Minister Tsiang Yen-si and Chief of the General Staff Admiral Soong Chang-chih.

Joint Communiqué

The Chinese Premier voiced his

firm his testimony.

Meanwhile, the council Wednesday wound up its 19th session which opened here last Saturday under its chairman Sheikh Abdullah ibn Humaid, and decided on several appointments and other administration steps.

admiration of the great accomplishments made in all fields in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the leadership of King Khalid, with a view to achieving economic and social development. He expressed his admiration for the wise policies pursued by the government of King Khalid in international relations.

The Crown Prince has hailed the efforts made by the Republic of China under the leadership of President Yan Chiang Ching-kuo and his government to stick to the principles of liberty and justice. He also paid tribute to the achievements aiming at the development of the economy and the prosperity of the Chinese people, thanks to which the China became a model for many a developing country.

The two sides held talks characterized with a spirit of complete understanding and solid friendship. They exchanged views on issues of common interest and international problems.

The talks were attended on the Chinese side by the minister of foreign affairs, the minister economic affairs, the chief of staff at the National Defense Ministry, Yu Chi-chow, the Chinese ambassador, and the director general of the Government Information Office.

Present on the Saudi side were: Prince Abdullah second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Saud Al-Faisal, the minister of foreign affairs, Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khail, the minister of Finance and National Economy, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khateer, the minister of education, Sheikh Abdul

Aziz Al-Thumayan, the deputy foreign minister, Zain Al-Abedin Al-Dabbagh, Saudi ambassador in Taipei, and Abbas Faq Ghazzawi, the head of the eastern desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The two sides expressed their satisfaction at the speedy development of political, economic and technical relations between the two countries and the harmony of their political objectives and aspirations based on traditional friendship and common interests. They affirmed the objectives of their two countries and peoples to defend peace, liberty and human rights against all kinds of injustice, aggression and persecution.

The two sides reviewed the Middle East problem and condemned Israeli aggression against the Arab nation in general and the Palestinian people in particular.

Teacher city contract let

HASA, Sept. 19 — A contract has been awarded to build the first phase of the teachers' model city project here. Worth SR62.4 million, it involves 208 housing units to be completed over 24 months, and will be financed by the Real Estate Development Fund.

Saad al-Mutawi, the educational staff representative in Hasa, said Tuesday that the whole project calls for 2,136 units and will cost SR640.8 million.

They affirmed their rejection of the principle of the annexation of land by force, their insistence on the necessity of Israeli withdrawal from all the Arab territories occupied since 1967, foremost among which is Jerusalem, and their support of the Palestinian people in regarding their legitimate rights, including their right to self-determination, to return to their usurped homeland and to set up an independent state.

They strongly denounced continuing savage Israeli aggression on South Lebanon, a blatant challenge to the principles of the United Nations Charter, the world community, and human rights.

They emphasized that it had become necessary for the international community to counter such attacks with firm measures to put an end to them. They also stressed their insistence on the unity of Lebanon and the safety of its lands.

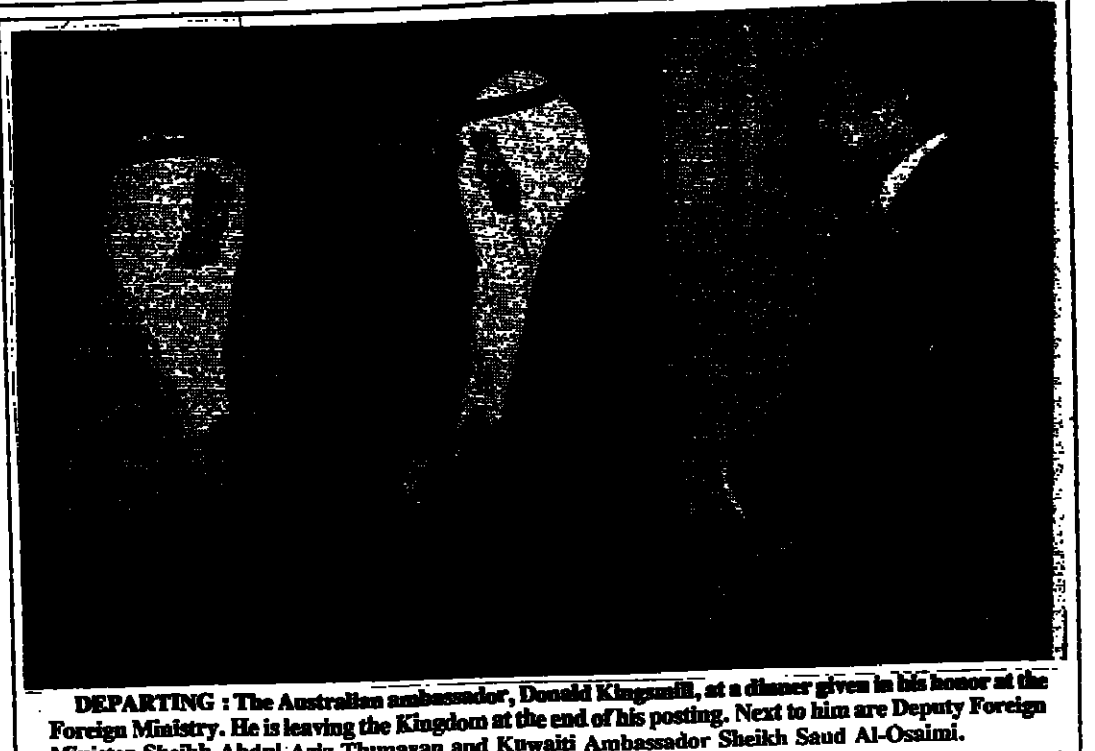
They strongly censured all types and forms of interference in the internal affairs of other countries. They reviewed with satisfaction the fruitful results of their continuous joint meetings for economic and technical cooperation.

Suan affirmed his country's genuine desire to continue extending its expertise to development in Saudi Arabia. Prince Fahd expressed his appreciation and satisfaction at its active contribution.

The two sides discussed the situation in Asia and expressed their conviction that the efforts exerted by China to ensure liberty and human rights for the Chinese will help establish peace and security in the area and in the whole world.

The two sides stressed that they abide by the principles set forth for cooperation between their two countries in commercial and economic areas in the interests of the two countries and peoples.

They agreed that visits that have taken place or that are to take place between officials at all levels will foster and widen the scope of cooperation.



DEPARTING: The Australian ambassador, Donald Kingsmill, at a dinner given in his honor at the Foreign Ministry. He is leaving the Kingdom at the end of his posting. Next to him are Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Thumayan and Kuwaiti Ambassador Sheikh Saud Al-Ossimi.

In Dammam, Hasa

Slaughterhouse deal awarded

DAMMAM, Sept. 19 (SPA) — The General Directorate for Municipal Affairs in the Eastern Province Wednesday commissioned a German firm to operate the slaughterhouses of Dammam and Hasa, built recently at the cost of SR 20 million.

The two slaughterhouses are among eight built recently across Saudi Arabia at a total cost of SR 85 million. Jeddah's was the first to open.

Abdul Rahman Al-Shuhail, director general, conferred Wednesday with the company on the possibility of operating the two slaughterhouses as soon as possible.

Dammam Municipality Wednesday commissioned a SR 800,000 project to clean Dhahran and Half Moon beaches from a national firm.

Mayor Abdul Aziz Al-Triqi said that for a year the municipality will clean the beaches in addition to spraying pesticides and removing of scrap.

In the Central Region, the General Directorate of Municipal Affairs has commissioned several consulting companies to study water projects in seven towns.

The studies are to be of Rawdah, Sudair, Majma, Thadq, Daraya, Ghatt and Zalla. They will examine the present water

supply situation and likely requirements over the next 30 years, based on projections of population and the probable expansion of the towns.

Once the studies are completed the general directorate will expand the existing water networks.

The Central Province's general director of municipal affairs, Ibrahim Al-Mishal, told Al-Riyadh Wednesday that the Ministry of Agriculture and Water had handed over 24 finished water networks in towns of the region, including wells, pumping stations and distribution networks.

In Riyadh, Deputy Governor Prince Sattam Monday chaired a meeting of the board of the city's Water and Sewage Department that discussed contracting out the delivery of water by tanker to areas not yet hooked into supply systems.

The board awarded a contract to an unnamed Saudi firm, SPA reported.

Huta Hegerfeld is fined for cutting phone cable

JEDDAH, Sept. 19 — Huta Hegerfeld, the West German company carrying out a stormwater drainage project in Jeddah, has been fined for putting the telephone system of one area of the city out of action for 10 hours on Tuesday.

Al-Medina Wednesday quoted Jeddah Telephone Director Rabi Dahlan as saying that in the early hours of Tuesday morning, the firm accidentally severed a cable connecting two main exchanges.

The company then buried the severed cable without informing the Telephone Department. As a

result, it took 10 hours for engineers to locate the damage.

The same firm allegedly also cut another cable, of 150 lines, in Baghdadadiyah recently. Dahlan said the firm had been fined, but only a small amount could be imposed as the levels of fines were fixed some years ago.

The paper added a comment, recalling that a few months ago the governor of Mecca punished a company which damaged the supply lines of public utilities by imprisoning the company's manager. It wondered why the same sort of firm action could not be taken in this case.

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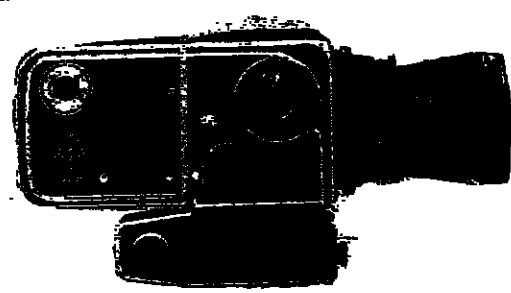
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Mayor Farisi interviewed

Municipality plans for a booming Jeddah

By Abdullah Jaffri

JEDDAH, Sept. 19 — A total of 26 bridges are planned in Jeddah, according to Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi.

He told *Arab News* that the city's population is expected to jump from 381,000 in 1971 to 1.65 million in 1991, hence the need for those bridges to avoid bottlenecks.

He said that the Airport Bridge, which will be completed within a year, covered six million square meters and was the largest in the Middle East.

The new flyover on Prince Fahd Street will be five kilometers long and will be built in three stages. The first stage, which will cost SR130 million, will take 10 months to complete.

Arab engineers from Lebanon were supervising construction and special units costing SR12 million each were used for casting cement for the bridge.

Farisi said that a tunnel was originally planned instead of a bridge, but its construction would have taken 12 years and the necessary infrastructure would have been too complicated.

A bridge from Medina Road to Mecca which will meet Prince Fahd bridge will be 12 kilometers long and will cost SR370 million.

Another, from the port, to the airport, Obhor and from there to Zahaban, off Medina Road, will be 74 meters wide outside the city and 70 meters in it.

The mayor said that studies and surveys prepared by the Consultants Robert Matthews Johnson-Magshall and Sirt Jackson Company showed that the population in the city's central area had risen from 190,000 in 1971 to over 630,000 in 1978.

Studies also indicated that the city's labor force had increased from 69,000 in 1971 to over 100,000 in 1978. They estimated that the labor force will pass 175,000 in the central part of the city by 1990.

They also showed that some 60,000 vehicles went in and out the central area. Therefore, the Master Plan for Jeddah called for a new road to serve the airport and link the coastal road through the central area.

Internationally known city and traffic engineers were hired to give counsel.

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Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi

George Jimson was in Jeddah at the invitation of the Municipality. He already prepared a study covering the period to the year 2000 and was now studying the city center.

The mayor said that some 30,000 parking lots were planned in the central area after statistics showed that by 1991, there will be 0.24 cars for each person. Residents of the central area will need some 60,000 parking places.

He also said that the area deemed of historical interest lay on an area of about 1.5 square kilometers bounded by the Corniche in the west, and the circular King Abdul Aziz Street from north, east and west.

The area will be developed and preserved.

It is part of the "beautiful architectural heritage of the Bride of the Red Sea."

Immediately after the pilgrim-

age, restoration work will start in Al-Mazloum area, involving the construction or renovation of sewage systems.

Farisi said that 36 Saudi engineers, holders of masters or doctorate degrees and three professors from Alexandria University were working at the municipality. The authorities also, from time to time, sought the help of

European experts.

Khouzam Palace will house the King Abdul Aziz Museum, which will display some important letters of the King's and old weapons from his times.

The Communications Ministry and the old customs building off King Abdul Aziz Street and other old structures will also be restored the mayor said.

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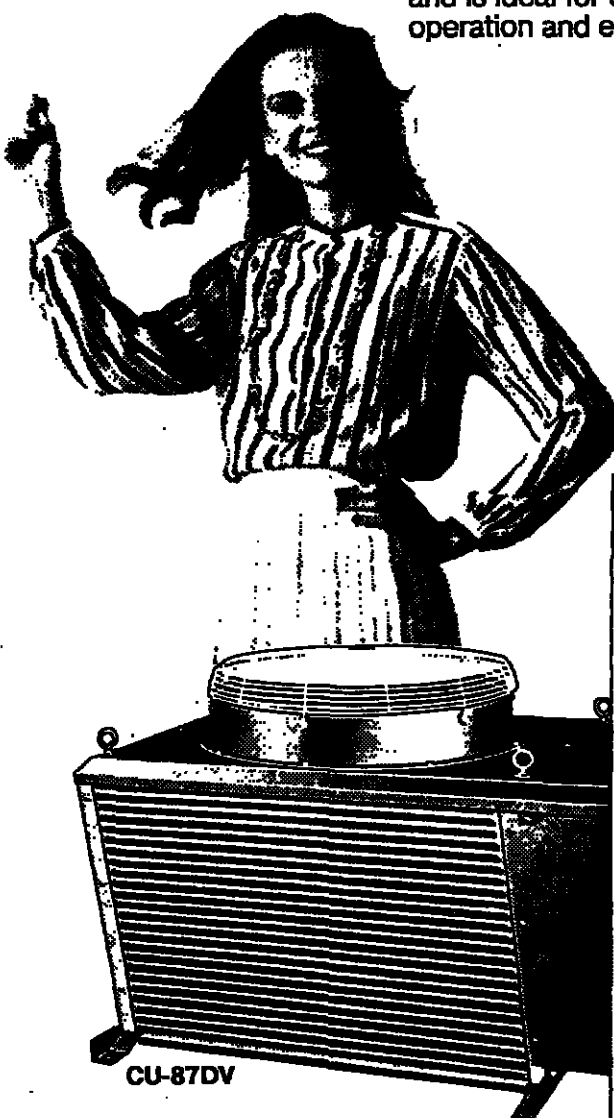
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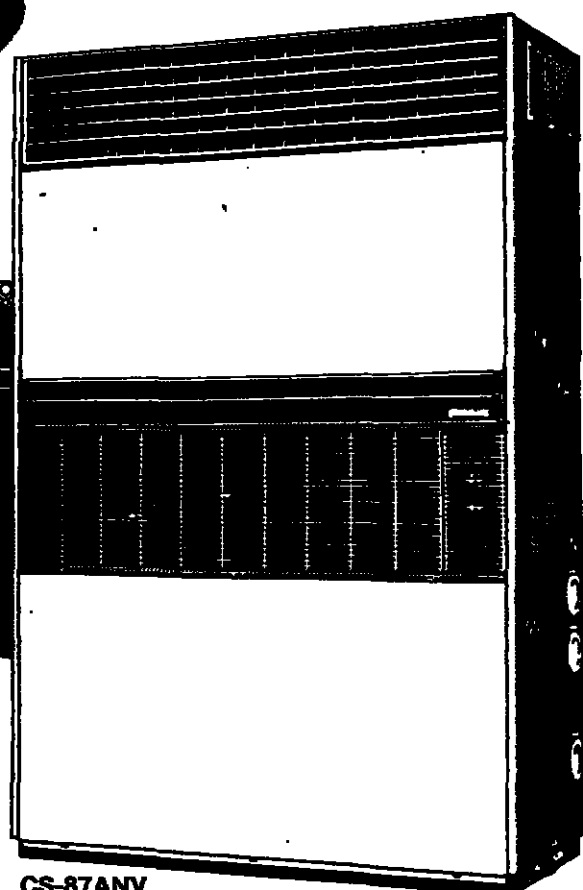
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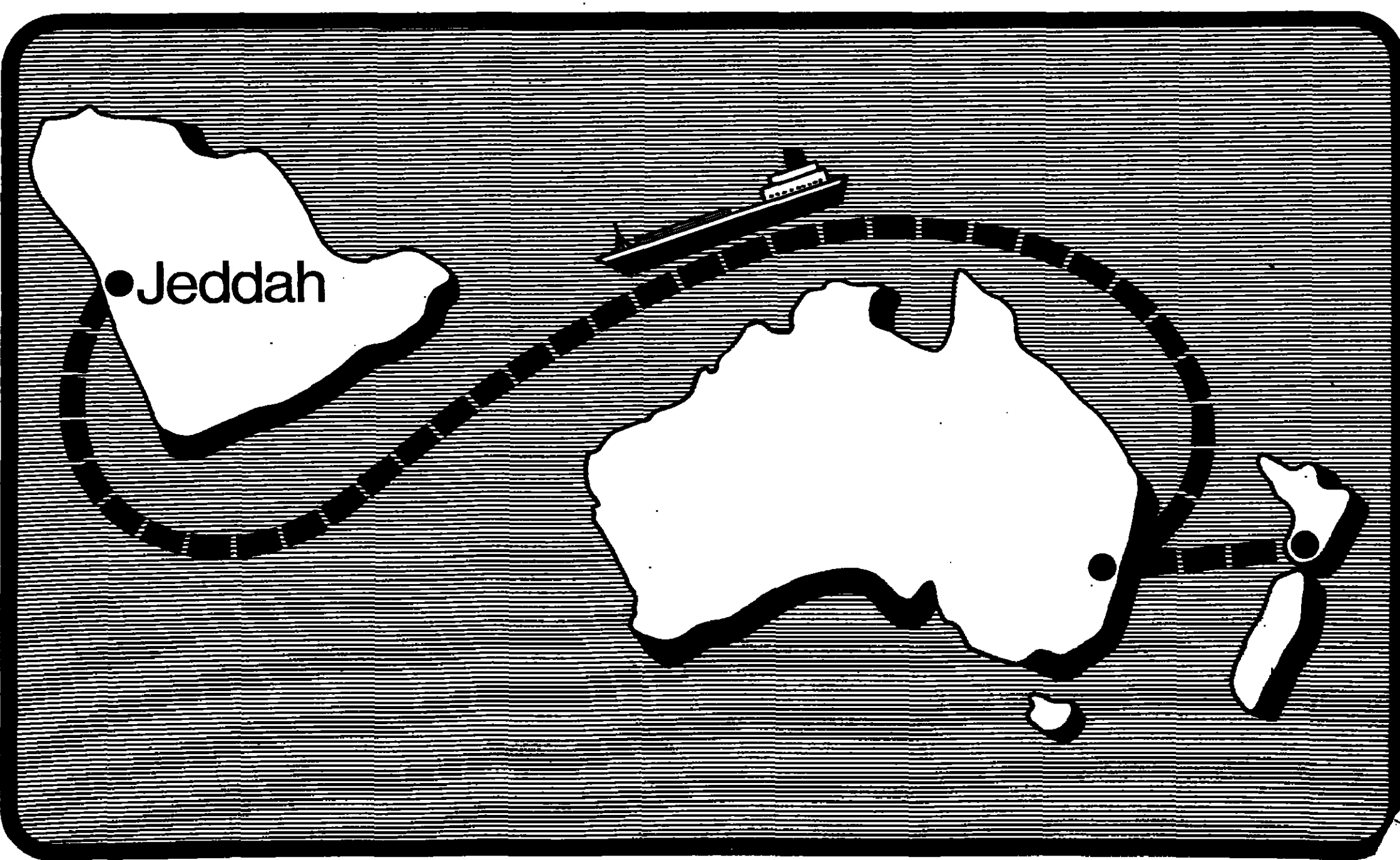
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U.S., Turkey resume talks on future of bases

ANKARA, Sept. 19 (R) — Turkey and the United States resumed talks Wednesday on the future of U.S. bases here, less than three weeks before the present agreement between the two countries expires.

The two sides have spent the last nine months trying to work out a formula for continued American use of the bases, some of which could be crucial for monitoring Soviet compliance with the SALT II Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty.

Turkish government sources said they expected to reach

agreement, but not before the current accord expired on Oct. 9. They said the U.S. would be allowed to continue using the bases during the interim period.

U.S. sources said the main differences between the two sides involved the manning and use of the more than 20 bases, and the nature of U.S. military and economic aid to Turkey.

U.S. scanning stations in Turkey have taken on added importance since similar installations in Iran ceased to operate after the Islamic revolution.

The negotiations are compli-

cated by Turkish by-elections on Oct. 14 which are crucial to the Social Democratic government of Premier Bulent Ecevit. The premier is not likely to risk arousing the anti-American feeling which pervades Turkey by agreeing with the U.S. position.

U.S. sources said Turkey wanted all bases to be run jointly by American and Turkish personnel. The U.S. maintained Turkey did not have trained personnel to help run the scanning stations at Sinop on the Black Sea coast.

They said the Turks, anxious not to offend their oil producing Middle East neighbors, insisted on wording of the agreement which restricted the U.S. from using the bases for operations in the Middle East. The Americans wanted a looser phrasing.

The sources said the question of aid was also a sticking point. The Turks were demanding military equipment over the next five years which they valued at \$2.5 billion.

The U.S. was offering instead to continue the present level of aid, around \$450 million a year, for the next five years, but mostly as economic assistance.

Most of the bases were established in the early 1950's when Turkey joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Turkey closed them in 1975 in retaliation for a U.S. arms embargo, imposed because of the 1974 invasion of Cyprus.

Israel to hold call-up exercise for reservists

TEL AVIV, Sept. 19 (AP) — Israel will hold a call-up exercise in the near future for several thousand reserve soldiers, a spokesman for the military command said Wednesday.

The command said the exercise will be held to test the effectiveness of emergency call-up procedures for Israel's reserve forces.

Code names for army units involved will be broadcast over radio and television and leaflets will be dropped from the air to notify reservists to report to their units.

Six schoolteachers murdered in Turkey

ANKARA, Sept. 19 (AP) — Two gunmen shot and killed six vocational schoolteachers at their living quarters in the southern city of Adana Tuesday night, police reported Wednesday.

Two other teachers and a janitor were wounded in the attack.

The victims of the massacre were all young male teachers who lived in a bachelors' wing of the teachers' dormitory.

The gunmen, masked and carrying pistols, entered the building late evening when the teachers were watching television in a recreation room.

The gunmen tied the teachers together, ordered them to lie on the floor and pumped bullets into

their heads, police reported. The assassins got away in a car parked nearby and driven by a third accomplice.

The cause of the massacre was not immediately clear. Four of the dead were identified as leftists, the officials said.

Adana, an industrial center and Turkey's fourth largest city, has remained a hotbed of political violence despite martial law rule since the start of the year.

Martial law was declared in 13 of Turkey's 67 provinces at the end of December in an effort to stem escalating gang wars between rightist and leftist extremists and sectarian fighting in some communities.

Egypt protests to Castro over nonaligned document

CAIRO, Sept. 19 (AP) — A top-ranking Egyptian diplomat has condemned the final declaration of the sixth nonaligned summit conference in Havana earlier this month as a "poisoned plan."

A spokesman for the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said Tuesday Dr. Butros Ghali, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs and its representative at Havana, sent a letter of protest to Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

Contained in the final declaration of the conference, drafted by the pro-Soviet Cuban government, was an attack on the Egyptian-Israeli peace initiative.

Egypt, a founding member of the movement, was also placed on probation for three years.

Ghali said Egypt's foreign policy had been "misrepresented" and denounced the "abnormal measures" taken by the conference.



CAMPAIGN: Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit of the ruling People's Republican Party campaigning at the Black Sea port of Rize, Sunday for by-elections to be held Oct. 14 which might be decisive for the life of his government.

Need for peace stressed

Liz Taylor in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Sept. 19 (Agencies) — U.S. film star Elizabeth Taylor arrived from Cairo Tuesday night in President Anwar Sadat's private plane and said she was in the Middle East to stress the need for peace in the area.

"The fact that President Sadat delivered me to Israel in his private plane is a statement of his commitment to peace," she said. Egypt had previously refused her entry for 17 years and banned her films because of her support for Israel.

On her present trip, Miss Taylor attended a film festival in Egypt. She plans to spend three days in Israel and to meet Prime Minister Menahem Begin and other leaders.

"I found the Egyptians delightful, warm and friendly — especially Sadat," Miss Taylor said at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Earlier Tuesday, she toured Alexandria, where she had been refused entry to film the epic movie about the city's ancient Queen Cleopatra.

Miss Taylor is now the wife of U.S. Senator John Warner of Virginia.



RECEPTION: Mrs. Jihan Sadat (left) Monday receives U.S. film star Elizabeth Taylor who was on a three-day visit to Egypt to attend the opening of Cairo's Fourth International Film Festival. Miss Taylor arrived in Tel Aviv Tuesday night for a three-day visit.

S. Korea minister holds talks in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Sept. 19 (AP) — South Korean Foreign Minister Park Tong-jin conferred Wednesday with Kuwait's Ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah.

During the meeting Park delivered a message from the South Korean president.

Park, who arrived Tuesday from Saudi Arabia, also conferred with the acting Foreign Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Salem Al-Sabah. Discussions reportedly covered the Middle East situation, South Korea's interest in closer relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the promotion of bilateral economic relations.

Informed sources said there were strong indications Park will meet later in the day with PLO officials here, in the first ever contact between the two sides.

Park is also scheduled to meet with Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, reportedly to seek additional oil shipments to his country.

Kuwait lashes Israel over land purchase

KUWAIT, Sept. 19 (AP) — Kuwait has denounced the Israeli government decision to permit Israeli citizens to buy land on the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"This decision is part of a Zionist scheme to perpetuate the occupation and legalize the illegal," Abdul Aziz Hussein, minister of state for cabinet affairs said in a statement to the newspaper Al-Qabas Tuesday.

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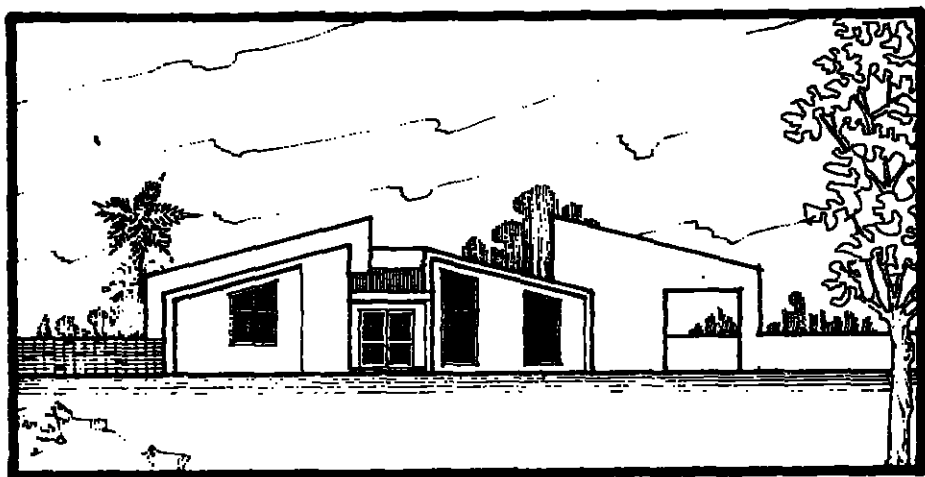
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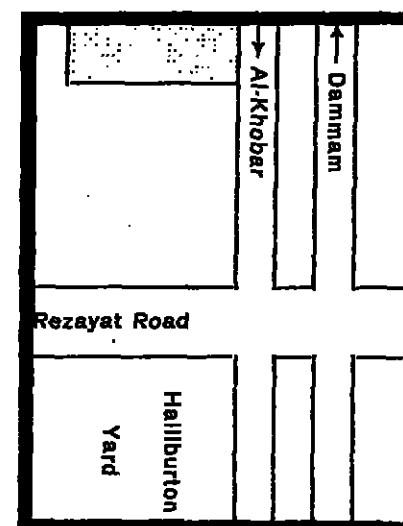
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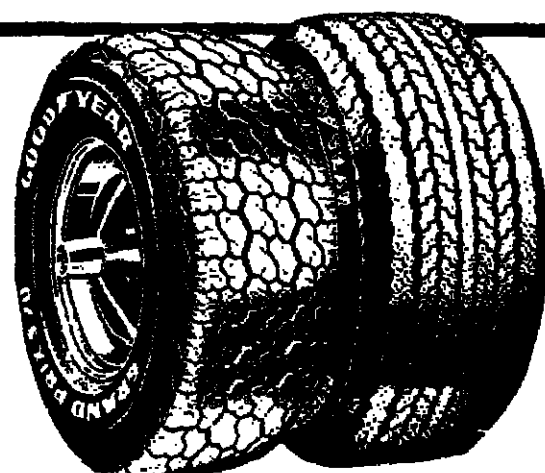
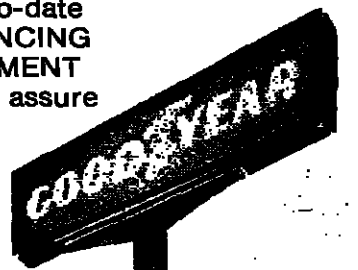
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Good news for man-eater in India

By Tyler Marshall

DELHI — The man-eating tiger, once classed as vermin and hunted for profit and sport in India, has been recast as a hero.

The government that once offered huge bounties for tiger skins are now paying millions of dollars to protect the tiger. It has been made India's national animal.

The change in the tiger's fortunes is part of the Indian government's "Project Tiger." Together with the World Wildlife Fund's "Operation Tiger," it comprises the largest rescue operation ever mounted to save a single species.

Beginning six years ago, when the tiger was on the verge of extinction in India, its principal habitat, the Indian government has spent more than \$4 million to set up 11 tiger reserves, from Assam in the north-east to Mysore in the south. About a quarter of the country's tigers are protected within that area.

The World Wildlife Fund has committed another \$1 million in technical assistance and equipment to the project. Its effort is to save the tiger from extinction not only in India but in Nepal, Bangladesh, China and also in Indonesia and Indochina.

The number of tigers in India, which had dwindled from 40,000 at the turn of the century to 1,827 at the time of the first official census in 1972, has rebounded to about 2,500, according to project officials.

Some reserves are now reported to contain the maximum number they can accommodate.

At the 170-square-mile Corbett Reserve in the Himalayan foothills, 165 miles north of Delhi, the tiger population has doubled, from 44 in 1972 to 85 in a census taken last year.

"We have nearly got too many now," C. Singh, director of the reserve said. "We've had cases of fighting, and there is evidence of spillover into forest areas adjacent to the reserve."

After considerable debate within the force that set up the project, officials decided to concentrate all resources to protect the tiger in the few remaining areas where it was still strong and healthy.

"There were many who felt we should concentrate in areas where the tiger was dying out, but with the species itself on the verge of extinction, it was decided to protect first those which were strong and in a good environment," Singh said.

In the reserves, the tiger was protected only passively, by preventing any disturbance of its environment. Some villages in the reserves were transplanted.

"We don't even clear out dead trees now," Singh said.

According to Peter Jackson, until recently information director of the World Wildlife Fund International in Switzerland, protection of the complete ecosystem has not been used before.

"It's the first time it has been tried and it is working," he said.

"By saving the tiger, you also automatically protect his prey, animals as well as their habitat and everything that lives within it. It is as close to total environmental protection as you can get."

"The tiger," Singh says, "is at the apex of its ecosystem. The tiger's only enemy is man."

This one enemy was nearly enough to wipe it out. Although killing a tiger had been the ultimate achievement in many Asian tribal societies, it was the invention of the rifle and the arrival of the British in India that started the tiger's downhill slide. British officers and civil servants were urged to "bag your first tiger in your first year."

The Maharajas prided themselves on the number of tigers they had killed. A few boasted of shooting more than 1,000. A ban on tiger shooting was imposed in 1970.

Poachers looking to sell tiger pelts also took a heavy toll, first raiding private forests and then defying the hunting ban.

The expanding human population and the transformation of thousands of square miles of forest into farm land also robbed the tiger of its habitat.

The tiger fared little better in Nepal and Bangladesh. In China the tiger was declared an obstacle to agricultural growth and was destroyed as a matter of official policy. In Indochina, defoliation of forests during the Vietnam War caused the death of many.

In 1973, the World Wildlife Fund thought Asia's tiger population was no more than 5,000, compared with more than 100,000 at the time of World War I.

But after a century of decline, there appears now to be genuine hope. Nepal has set aside three reserves; Bangladesh has established one and China is now committed to saving what remains of its tiger population.

Under its new Five-Year Plan, India is doubling its financial commitment to Project Tiger, allocating more than \$8 million for 1979-1984.

There are still pressures on the tiger that could quickly undo Project Tiger's achievements.

Poachers are still active, although they are now rare in the reserves. "I could obtain a half-dozen fresh tiger skins within three weeks," said Duleef Mathai, a trustee of World Wildlife Fund India. "There is still an enormous surreptitious market here to serve the West in Europe and the United States for coats."

Economics works against the tiger in another way. India's state governments lose valuable logging revenues from any land that is set aside as a tiger reserve. At Corbett, for example, the state of Uttar Pradesh loses nearly \$1 million a year in forestry income.

"We've come a long way in the past six years, but it has been very slow and very hard," Singh said. "To undo it would take no time at all." (LAT)

Houston gallery shows fine Arab costumes

By Scott Pendleton

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — The crowds coming, says Nabila Cronfel, of the organizers of an exhibit at the Sewall Gallery of Art on the campus of Rice University. The cause of all the interest is a display called "Costumes of Arab World."

The show is of jewellery, clothes accessories from Arab countries in North Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, and the Fertile Crescent.

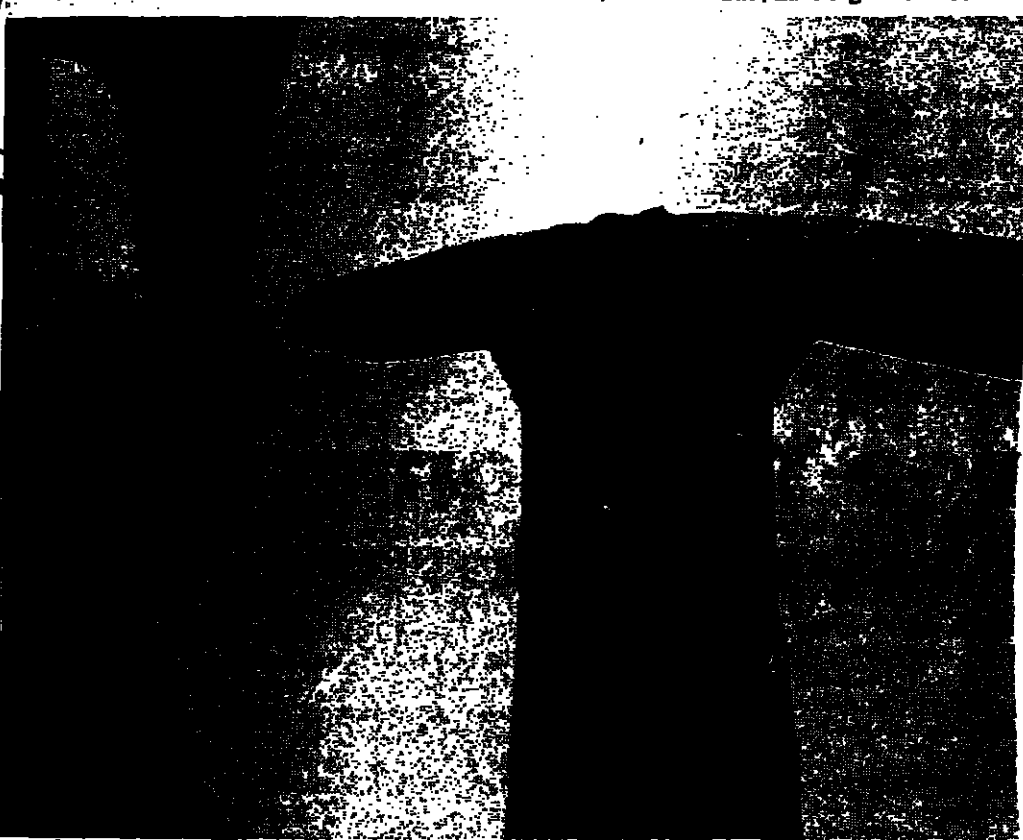
Cronfel and Sheryl Saunders, both of Arab ancestry, gathered the collection of fine and antique costumes from museums around the country. The Santa Fe Museum of International Folk Art in New Mexico, the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington and the Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York contributed heavily to the display. Several embassies and private collectors also loaned items, Cronfel said.

The exhibition will continue at the Sewall Gallery until Oct. 15, Cronfel said. She hopes to be able to display it in Chicago, Kansas City and Washington, D.C., but will need sponsors, she said.

Among the 22 sponsors of the Houston show are the Arabian Services Corp., CRS Group and Exxon.

Saunders and Cronfel have held other exhibitions of Arab culture. They have organized an exhibition

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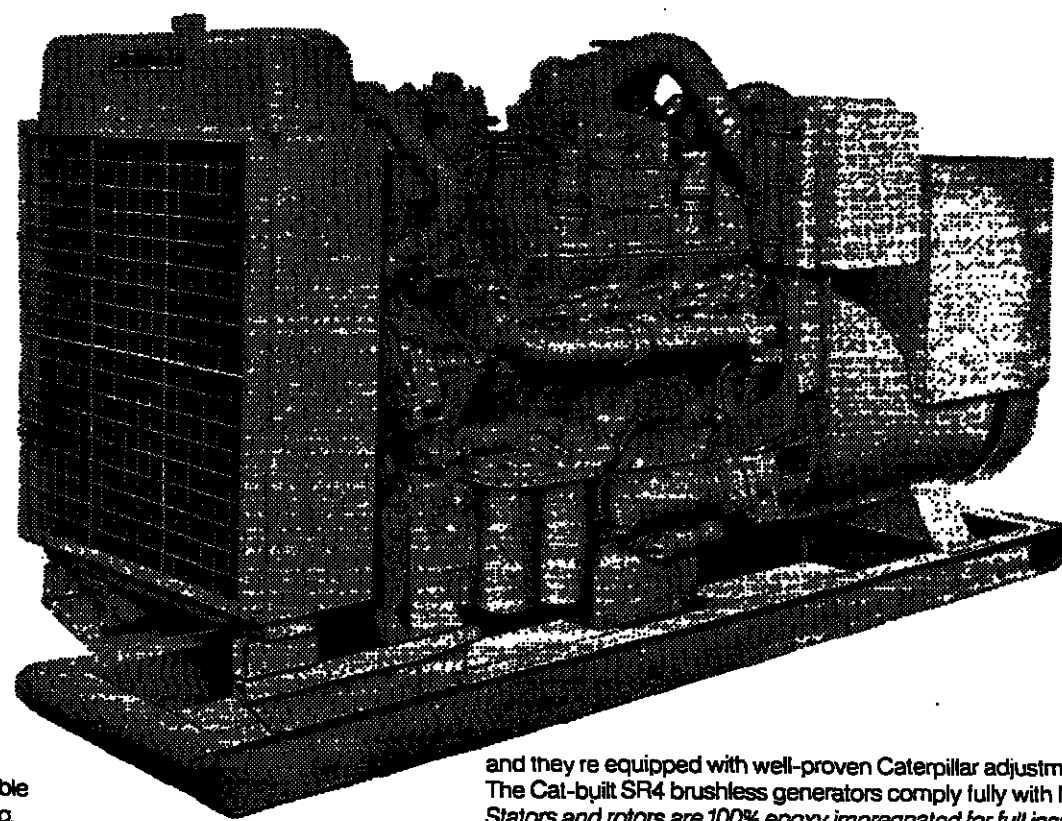
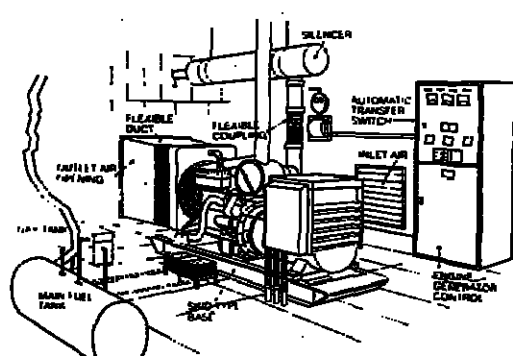
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Salisbury's economy in a shambles

By PAUL ELLMAN

SALISBURY
Hungry tribespeople are reduced to eating grass seeds in war-torn border areas.

While the political leaders of Zimbabwe Rhodesia play for time in London, their black countrymen are drifting closer to ruin.

"I don't think any of our leaders understand the aspiration of the people anymore," said a black party worker here at the Lancaster House constitutional conference limped on in London this week.

A former supporter of Abel Muzorewa, the Prime Minister, he has now become totally disillusioned, a process which he claims has afflicted the bulk of Zimbabwean blacks.

The process is fuelled not only by the escalating carnage, with the death toll from nearly eight years of war totalling 18,000 inside the country, including at least 8,000 black civilians.

It also stems from the realization that the war is eroding the foundation of the future through the wholesale destruction of health services, education, jobs and agriculture.

Diseases which were once thought to have been beaten back by modern techniques, like sleeping sickness, are once again on the march through the collapse of tsetse fly control schemes destroyed by Patriotic Front guerrillas as symbols of government presence.

The dry statistics of clinics and hospitals closed by the war in black rural areas reveal the loss of all health services for hundreds of thousands of tribespeople. Of the 64 hospitals run by missions, 24 per cent have been closed. Among government rural hospitals 12 of the original 57 are no longer functioning. No less than 158 of the 275 clinics run by black councils have been forced to close, a proportion of 57 per cent.

Guerrilla-enforced closures of schools have left more than 300,000 primary school pupils from more than 1,000 schools without education. In the secondary sector, nearly 16,000 students from 58 schools have been cut adrift to join the lengthening queues of unemployed.

Agriculture, the mainstay of black society in the tribal trust lands which cover half of Zimbabwe Rhodesia, has been brought to the point of collapse.

The guerrilla campaign against compulsory cattle-dipping has been a resounding success, so much so that a resurgence of tickborne diseases has resulted in the death of a million cattle, one-third of the total herd held in the reserves.

This destruction of inflation-proof traditional wealth also means the loss of draught power for pulling ploughs. Of the 8,000 black farmers who earned a precarious living in the commercial, as opposed to subsistence sector, half have been forced to abandon their farms.

According to Father Henry Wardale, the Jesuit Superior in Zimbabwe Rhodesia, the closure of the mission station at Marymount, near the Mozambique border 120 miles northeast of Salisbury, has stopped the distribution of Red Cross food and medical supplies in the adjoining region.

As a result, tribespeople have been left to scour the surrounding bush for grass seeds. The northeast of the country is not alone in its hunger. Conditions in Victoria province in the Southeast are said by relief workers to be as bad.

The obvious source of food for tribal lands, the white-owned commercial farming sector, is no longer capable, because of the war, of filling the gap. Zimbabwe Rhodesia, for long an exporter of maize, has had to start importing it from South Africa.

The towns and cities, once a haven for the estimated 750,000 people displaced inside the country by the war, offer little succour, as the burgeoning squatter camps and their disease-ridden squalor testify.

The influx of refugees into the cities has added to the social collapse, with teenage boys and girls turning to crime.

So close to catastrophe has the situation become that, even if the men sitting around the conference table were to agree upon peace tomorrow, it would be many years before Zimbabwe-Rhodesia could return to the level of pre-war prosperity. (OFNS)

Hong Kong loses luster for China watchers

By Linda Mathews

HONG KONG — After three decades as the West's window on China, Hong Kong is fast losing that distinction.

The U.S. State Department has begun to reduce its huge China-watching operation here and is shifting experienced analysts to the new American Embassy in Peking. The embassy, its staff expanded by 50 per cent since the Carter administration recognized China on New Year's Day, is slated to become the primary American listening post: Hong Kong is being relegated to a backup position.

American news media, long forced to monitor China from its perimeter, are also transferring their China-watchers to Peking. The two major American wire services, Associated Press and United Press International, opened their Peking bureaus in April. Correspondents for four U.S. newspapers—including the *Los Angeles Times*—have just been admitted and are expected to be followed next year by other news organizations, including the networks.

The Chinese capital has also become an academic mecca. The same professors and graduate students who once flocked to Hong Kong's research centers to interview refugees from the mainland are now

wandering places in China's burgeoning scholarly exchange programs.

U.S. officials in Peking report that about 250 Americans will take up residence this fall in Chinese universities, either as teachers or students.

Many American businessmen are also bypassing Hong Kong and heading straight for Peking. The largest transactions in the booming Sino-American trade, including a \$1 billion U.S. Steel deal and tentative agreements to build luxury hotels worth more than \$500 million, were struck in Peking.

The shift of American China-watchers and China-traders from Hong Kong to Peking is, to some extent, the natural byproduct of the new government-to-government relations.

But Sino-American normalization also happened to coincide with the decisions of Mao Tse-tung's successors to open China's borders to all outsiders. Over the past year the government of premier Hua Guofeng has admitted an unprecedented stream of foreign visitors, eased restrictions on the movements of foreigners and solicited joint business ventures with the world's multinational corporations. For tourists and businessmen alike, a visa that once required months of negotiation to secure can now be had in an afternoon.

China's relative openness, more than anything

else, has eclipsed Hong Kong. "When you can walk through the front door, having a window on China no longer seems so necessary," said a Hong Kong businessman who spends at least half of each month inside China.

The lure of Peking is particularly strong these days because the ebb and flow of Chinese politics is once again visible in the streets.

Working conditions in Peking have improved considerably for most foreigners. Peking-based diplomats report a new cordiality and warmth in their once-stiff relations with Chinese officials. And Western-style comforts, from *Time* magazine to Australian lamb and beef, are now for sale in Peking. To supplement the small shipments of Coca-Cola imported from Hong Kong and sold for \$1 a can, the Chinese have even begun to produce their own version of Cola, called "Qingdao Kele."

For U.S. journalists, the novelty of a Peking dateline was a powerful lure, drawing China-watchers both from Hong Kong and Tokyo.

Despite Peking's attractions, both scenic and sordid, not everyone is convinced that the shift of diplomats and journalists to Peking is wise. A vocal minority of China-watchers insists that it is still easier to find out more about what is going on inside China from the outside, in Hong Kong.



The inevitability of Teddy Kennedy

By ANTHONY HOLDEN

WASHINGTON
The United States, contrary to previous reports, does possess a Royal Family. The past few days have at last seen the investiture of its previously reluctant crown prince.

No one but Senator Edward Kennedy can quite match royalty's effect upon entering a room. For a moment the whole place freezes; then there is a brief buzz of excitement before the crowd surges in his direction with all the dignity of a tidal wave.

So it was, at a star-studded party for Bob Hope in, appropriately enough, Washington's Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Hope suddenly found himself standing alone as the fickle fans deserted him. Famed against the opposite wall, Kennedy quietly challenged President Carter to prove himself worthy of his office.

America has been waiting 10 years for this moment. It was shortly after Richard Nixon's election in 1968 that the first lapel buttons appeared, reading EMK 1972. For a decade Kennedy has flirted with the electorate, raising its hopes only to dash them again, carefully building himself enormous stature in the process.

Now, with a series of skillfully orchestrated moves, he has reached an apparent point of no return. The "Draft Kennedy" movements burgeoning in 19 States were about to sag; they could not convince people their man would run. Then last weekend, in the words of the New Hampshire organizer, "We got our signal."

By announcing that his wife and mother would support him, Kennedy lit a fuse he cannot now extinguish. It will cause many minor explosions along the trail to the White House. Carter has vowed to fight to the bitter end, as a desperate hint that the nomination may not be worth having. "It will," signed the Democrats' national chairman,

John White, "be a bloody, mangling process."

"If the Massachusetts boys take on the Georgia boys," grinned former President Richard Nixon, "it will be the battle of the century." He should know.

If journalists could interview flies on walls, blank checks would now be available for those in the White House family dining room on Friday, September 7, when the president invited Ted Kennedy to lunch.

The White House, to general hilarity, insisted that "politics were not discussed." Carter commented on only one report: that Kennedy had called him "a political cripple." "That," said the President, "is silly."

It is now known, however, that two weeks before the meeting Carter had sent the senator a clandestine message. Through intermediaries, Kennedy was told that the President would not withdraw. No matter how humiliating the early primaries, he was going to hang on in there.

So it was in this knowledge that Kennedy went to lunch, and subsequently took his confident madness forward. There is method in this seeming madness. The 24 Democratic senators up for re-election next year want to run on a Kennedy ticket. If anyone can bludgeon Carter into a dignified withdrawal, they can.

Those senators have visions of empty polling booths if Carter is renominated. With Kennedy on the ballot, people will turn out in droves, whether to vote for or against. They may lose the White House, they reason, but they would hold on to Capitol Hill.

But would they lose the White House? Republicans are saying that a Kennedy candidacy would improve the nomination hopes of John Connally, whose charisma count obscures his array of ill-defined right-wing positions. It would also improve the chances of Senator Howard Baker, a popular if lesser known moderate who could challenge Kennedy centre-stage.

Kennedy's popularity at present transcends politics: he is portrayed in the polls simply as the leader America craves. Once a candidate, however, his long history of liberal positions, championing minorities and kicking against big business would be ruthlessly analysed—at a time when America is perceived to be creeping rightwards.

He will have difficulty winning over the South and the Mid-West—which he would no doubt woo, as did his brother John, with the choice of a relevant running-mate, possibly Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia. Kennedy has not waited this long to be defeated.

Officially he is still biding his time, avowedly "considering" the pros and cons. Tactically this means that the "Draft Kennedy" movements have no legal limits on their fund-raising. The longer their man "disavows" them—which includes refusing to be photographed just yet with their leaders—the greater the eventual onslaught will be.

He seems likely to wait until November or December, continuing meanwhile a flow of hints loud enough to keep the money rolling in. He is not obliged formally to "announce" until the end of the year, the closing date for registration as a candidate in the early primaries.

Two consecutive statements, however, make it clear what his intentions are. He will feel it his duty, to run, he says, unless Carter can be seen to turn the economy around in the next month or two. Is that possible? In a word, says the senator, no.

He could, of course, still back off. "Oh yes, that's quite possible," said one of his senior Democratic colleagues in the Senate. "Come November, Teddy could get up and say to the people, 'Look, I've thought about this thing, I've looked at it from this way and that, and I've decided to support President Carter's renomination and campaign vigorously for his re-election.'"

"Sure he could do that. But he won't." —(OFNS)

THE SECOND YEAR

Will the second year, just starting, of the Camp David agreement be better than the first? The answer is probably that it will not. For if the first year started with disagreement between the parties to the agreement and to the rest of the Arab states, the second is starting with disagreements among the parties themselves.

The Israeli government has seen fit to mark the anniversary of Camp David by revoking the ban on private Israeli purchase of land in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Egypt has already made its official rejoinder calling the move contrary to the spirit of Camp David and a further obstacle placed by the Israelis on the road to peace.

The "road to peace" the Egyptians spoke of was already filled with obstacles before the Israelis "volunteered" to add this last one. The rest of the Arab world does not see special significance in the Israeli move, realizing that few if any West Bankers or Gazans would succumb to Israeli pressures to part with their land.

We have to recall that all the money from the West which the Jewish Agency had at its disposal from the beginning of the century to 1948 did not enable it to buy more than five per cent of Palestinian land. Add to this the difference in Palestinian political consciousness between then and now and Israel's chances of success will appear slim indeed.

If the move has any significance it is in so far as it demonstrates—if this indeed still needs demonstration—the intentions of Begin's government. Beyond any agreements they might choose to enter into or treaties they agree to sign, it is clear that the Israelis will subvert anything which falls outside their bilateral deal with Egypt over Sinai. Any hint of a more comprehensive or just arrangement and the Israelis will blow the whole process out of the water.

The Carter administration, despite its embarrassment at the Israeli move, has made a rather limited and far from resolute reply, in keeping with its own weakness and loss of self confidence. This will hardly make any difference to the Israelis. They have already shown their contempt for America's views of their acts, when they persisted in their destruction of South Lebanon while the Americans "objected."

Israel's line on the Camp David "process" is obvious by now. It is that Egypt is to accept finally and irrevocably the bilateral nature of the agreement, and that it concerns no more than yielding Sinai as the price for Egypt's defection from Arab ranks. Sadat will soon have to recognize the stark choice he is being offered. Accept the Israeli position or recognize the bankruptcy of his "peace" and rejoin the Arab ranks.

LEBANON SUMMITRY

The only result achieved by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis' calls for an Arab summit over the situation in South Lebanon is a moral one. The calls have affirmed that the question of South Lebanon concerns the Arabs as a whole and not just the Lebanese government.

The Lebanese president is well aware that an Arab summit would not produce immediate results for the devastated south. He also knows that the Baghdad Summit of last year has already scheduled a summit for this November. His calls, therefore, could have had no other aim than that of reminding Arab leaders of their responsibilities; and that it would be unfair to expect Lebanon by itself to withstand the tremendous pressure applied by the Israelis there.

The president has received diplomatic answers from Arab leaders, pointing in the main to the coming November summit as the proper forum for the required discussion. This does not reflect a will to prevaricate on the part of the rest of the Arabs, so much as a reminder of the often repeated plea to the Lebanese to take the matter of their own salvation into their own hands. Without this, all outside help would be useless.

The Kuwaitis have been the frankest in their reply. Lebanon, they pointed out, has failed to implement the Beirut Decree agreements. What guarantee is there that a new agreement will be implemented?

Resigned now to wait until November, Lebanese diplomacy will try to make sure that the question of the south occupies the center of the coming summit. The aim will be to bring further pressure on the Palestinians to keep their end of the south quiet, so that Israel is denied the excuse for its still awaited major attack.

It is rumored that the Lebanese tactic towards this will be to ask the rest of the Arabs either to guarantee cessation of Palestinian action in the south or agree on allowing the Palestinians free use of all Arab fronts for attacks on Israel.

The question now, given the still tense situation in the south and Ezor Weizman's recent threats of further action, is will the November summit come too late? Israel still covets the waters of the Litani River. This is the real prize it is striving for, whatever the Lebanese, the Palestinians and the rest of the Arabs might do to calm the situation.

Newspapers Wednesday dealt at length with the press conference of Chinese Premier Sun and the joint communiqué that followed his talks with the Crown Prince. The papers featured the many projects being undertaken by the Chinese government and companies in the Kingdom and joint projects to be undertaken together such as the fertilizer plant and the single cell protein animal fodder.

Al-Medina front paged the recent developments in Kabul and the fact that the Soviet Union is supporting the new president despite the bloody end of his predecessor Taraki.

In a story from Washington, Al-Jazirah said that Carter's national security advisor has told Israel to be prepared to recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinians. The paper said that France, Italy and Britain intend to recognize the PLO soon.

In an editorial answering what it called false Egyptian newspaper allegations, Al-Medina said that the press in Egypt has lied when it claimed there is an extremist religious group in the Kingdom.

The paper said it is a simple fact that there cannot be an extreme religious group here because the whole country is already devoutly Muslim and Islamic tenets reign supreme. The Sharia is applied meticulously everywhere in the

country and no other country in the world is as dedicated to the application of the Sharia as this one is. Not even Iran is 100 per cent Islamic yet.

The paper referred to King Abdul Aziz's famous reply to the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood who wanted to open a branch of the movement here. The King said there was no need for a branch because the entire population was made up of Muslims who were brothers in Islam.

The Al-Riyadh editorial dealt with the increasing diplomatic activity of the Saudi government with a view to securing Arab unity in preparation for the forthcoming Arab League and United Nations sessions. Hence, it said, the visits

of Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier, and Prince Saud, foreign minister to several Arab capitals.

"The Kingdom does not wish to see any divisions within the Arab ranks since the Arab states should be prepared for the League and U.N. sessions as a united front so that they may make their influence felt as strongly as possible," it said.

The Kingdom is keen on preparing Arab solidarity for the Tunis and New York conferences.

"Continuous Communist attempts to infiltrate the Islamic world only show that Islam has been and will always be a bulwark against this ideology," according

to an Al-Bilad editorial. "Communism denies the existence of God and therefore despises religions, as was said the other day by the Chinese Premier Sun and stated time and again by our leaders. But Islam will remain a striking force against this destructive system despite the enormous resources that the communists throw in to support their goals and tactics."

"Islam has been successful against Communism and is doing very well in Afghanistan by forcing the Communists to eliminate one of their comrades, Taraki. His successor will fare no better," it said.

"Communism," the editorial imagined that they can last through

the use of violence and physical liquidation of other but Islam will always triumph," the paper said.

Commenting on the Chinese Premier's visit Okaz said "it must have added new dimensions to Saudi-Chinese relations," saying that further cooperation between the two countries will bear fruit in the future.

It quoted Premier Sun's declaration that Saudi Arabia supports Taiwan politically and economically and that the two countries will continue to cooperate in pursuit of industrial progress here.

"Saudi aid to Taiwan comes within the framework of the country's idealism, which dictates its relations with others," it said.

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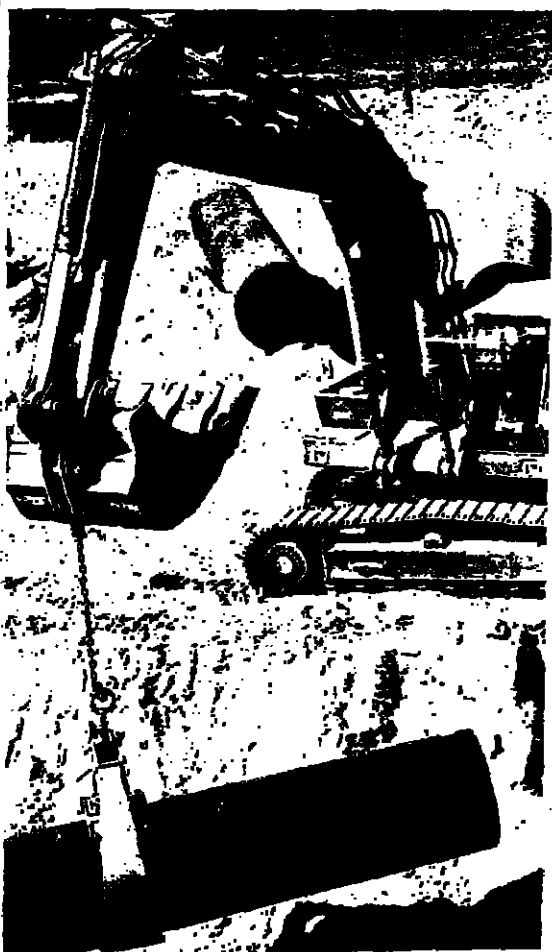
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India to hold general elections in late 1979 or early next year

NEW DELHI, Sept. 19 (AP) — India's caretaker Prime Minister Charan Singh says that elections will be held either in late December or early January, 1980.

Singh Tuesday told reporters he would prefer elections in November. He dismissed reports that he would urge a delay of the poll.

"Politicians who are spreading these rumors are evidently reluctant to face the people. Or they are planning to create some confusion in the country to make the holding of a poll impossible," Singh said.

He said the government does not intend to arrest its chief opponent, former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

"There is no proposal to arrest her and give her some political advantage," Singh added.

Singh became prime minister last July after defections reduced Desai's Janata Party to a parliamentary minority. Singh allied with the opposition Congress Party to form a coalition and won the backing of Mrs. Gandhi.

However, Mrs. Gandhi withdrew her party's support on the eve of a confidence test last month. Singh resigned and recommended new elections to

President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy. Reddy dissolved the parliament and ordered elections later this year but a date has not been announced.

Meanwhile, a 25-year-old college student was sentenced Wednesday to four years hard labor for attempting to assassinate Singh in his back yard last December.

In announcing the verdict and sentence, Judge V.S. Aggarwal also found the student, Jai Narain, guilty of trespass. He fined Narain the equivalent of \$12.50.

"The facts of the case clearly establish that it (was)... a pre-meditated act of the accused..."

14 Indians killed in bus disaster

NEW DELHI, Sept. 19 (AP) — Fourteen persons were killed and 24 injured Tuesday when a bus toppled into the Alaknanda River in northern India, the United News of India reported.

The passengers were Hindu pilgrims returning from a visit to a shrine in Badrinath, about 300 kilometers northeast of New Delhi.

(who) is a desperate character," Aggarwal said.

He said that Narain bought a sharp, arrow-like weapon in his home town in northern India and came to New Delhi to kill Singh, then leading a dissident group within the previous Desai government.

Singh, 76, told the court last month that the defendant lunged at him Dec. 24 with a sharp object, shouting, "I want to extinguish the rising star of the Janata Party." Narain pleaded innocent.

Narain was overpowered by bodyguards when the weapon reached about six inches from Singh's chest, the prime minister said during testimony. The assailant, who had claimed he was carrying a gift for Singh, was permitted into his backyard to make the presentation but instead attacked him, Singh told the court.

The attack occurred the day after a public meeting in New Delhi by more than 300,000 Singh supporters. The farmers' rally, as it was called, coincided with Singh's 76th birthday and press speculation that he would bolt the then-ruling Janata Party with his rural faction.



Charan Singh

Namibian reports of killing denied

WINDHOEK, Sept. 19 (AP) — The younger brother of the Ovambo homeland Minister of Justice was abducted from his village by a group of guerrillas but it was unclear whether he was killed, an official has said.

Earlier Tuesday, the South African Association quoted witnesses as saying that guerrillas had slit the throats of Onesmus Imbili, 31, and David Nandago in front of their families who were forced to watch.

But Daan Oosthuizen, acting chief secretary of the Ovambo government, Tuesday said it was uncertain whether Imbili, the brother of Minister of Justice Tara Imbili, was dead or alive. There was also no confirmation that Nandago had been killed at the village about five kilometers from Ondangwa.

Poor communications made it difficult to reach the persons earlier described as witnesses.

SAPA quoted Oosthuizen as saying that a 14-year-old youth had been shot dead by the guerrillas who had surrounded Imbili's village before he was abducted.

Oosthuizen said no further details on the incident were available, but reported that the body of an Ovambo school teacher, abducted with his children by guerrillas last Tuesday, had been discovered, SAPA said.

The children had been released and allowed to return home last Wednesday.

Oosthuizen reportedly said the guerrillas had told the youngsters that if they did not see their father alive again within the next two or three days, "you might as well forget about him."

The guerrillas belong to the Angolan-based South West Africa Peoples Organization and have been fighting for control of Namibia since 1966.

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Bonn, Rome discuss 'guest workers'

BONN, Sept. 19 (R) — Visiting Italian President Sandro Pertini has discussed problems of his country's 600,000 "guest-workers" in West Germany in talks with President Karl Carstens.

In discussions on bilateral affairs, the 83-year-old Italian Tuesday said he hoped his three-day official visit — his first trip abroad since taking office 14 months ago — would strengthen ties between the two countries.

Italians make up the third biggest force of foreign workers in West Germany after Turks and Yugoslavs.

Foreign Ministers Franco Maria Malfatti and Hans-Dietrich Genscher meanwhile held talks on European Economic Community problems including budgetary contributions, as well as the Middle East, southern Africa and other trouble-spots.

They agreed on the need for a speedy conclusion of the East-West strategic arms limitation talks. Their meeting was said to have been "intensive and friendly."

The Italian president was given



Sandro Pertini



Karl Carstens

a colorful ceremonial welcome on the lawn of the Villa Hammerschmidt, the West German president's official residence beside the River Rhine.

The veteran Italian socialist broke with protocol to shake hands and chat with journalists.

He will also have talks with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Social Democratic Party chairman Willy Brandt.

In Munich late this week he is to meet Bavarian prime minister,

Franz Josef Strauss, who is the Conservative opposition candidate for chancellor in next year's elections.

Pertini mentioned to Carstens that he planned to visit the former concentration camp of Flossenbürg, Bavaria, Saturday, where his brother Eugenio died in 1945.

But he stressed to the newspaper *Die Welt* in an interview that West Germany could not be held responsible for the crimes of the Nazis.

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Left versus center-right

Swedes await result in closely fought vote

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 19 (R) — Swedes were to learn Wednesday whether they will have Center-right or Socialist government for the next three years, with stiff economic challenges awaiting whichever party is in office.

Counted votes from Sunday's elections have given former Prime Minister Olof Palme's Social Democrats, who campaigned for increased taxes on industry, and their communist allies a one-seat majority in the 349-seat Riksdag (parliament). The Social Democrats were beaten in the 1976 elections after 44 years in power.

But 40,000 outstanding postal votes, many from abroad and from owners of weekend homes, could easily give victory to the conservative-Center-Liberal bloc, which fought for lowered direct taxes.

The National Tax Board said it will finish counting and announce results later Wednesday. After recount, final results will be announced next week, but a recount has never reversed earlier results.

As the tax men counted, a report from the Federation of Swedish Industries predicted 12 per cent inflation next year, up from 6.7 per cent this year. It said Sweden's deficit would widen to a record \$ 4 billion in 1980, from \$9.2 billion last year. The Bank of Sweden Wednesday announced a sharp drop in its foreign exchange reserves in the second week of this month.

Sweden also recorded its worst trade deficit for more than 10 years last month.

Deeper oil is causing the setbacks. The Liberals of Prime Minister Ola Ullsten and former Prime Minister Thorbjörn Fälldin's Center Party campaigned for increased taxes on heating oil, gasoline and electricity to decrease consumption and offset increased direct taxes.

Both parties lost ground at the polls to the Conservatives, who campaigned for much lower direct taxes with no off-setting indirect levies.

Trades Union Congress leader Gunnar Nilsson said that the increased Conservative strength worsened the risk of direct confrontation when wage negotiations begin in November.

"In countries where the Conservatives have become stronger, this has led to an unsettled labor market," he warned.

Yet the Communists also increased their strength in parliament from 17 to 20 seats.

They hope to support, demanding no cabinet seats for themselves, a minority government of Social Democrats.

Fälldin, head of the three-party coalition which toppled Palme in 1976, said he would welcome a coalition with Ullsten and Conservative leader Gösta Bohman. "But the Conservatives must give way if they hope to be part of a bourgeois coalition," he added.

FAA orders U.S. airlines to check for DC-9 cracks

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration Wednesday ordered all U.S. airlines operating DC-9 aircraft to inspect for cracks in the planes' metal skin.

The order was prompted by an incident Monday in which the tail of an Air Canada DC-9 fell off as the plane was en route from Boston to Nova Scotia. The plane's cabin pressure and had control difficulties but returned to Boston and landed safely.

Cracks were later discovered in the aircraft's skin. Subsequent inspections disclosed similar cracks on two other Air Canada DC-9s.

FAA spokesman Dennis Feldman said the airworthiness directive requires airlines to inspect for cracks in the aft pressure bulkhead and bulkhead skin within 10 days after receipt of the telegram for airplanes having more than 15,000 landings.

Feldman said the agency tends to require additional visual and X-ray inspections later for more information is received.

The order applies to those DC-9s that are not equipped with stairway at the rear of the plane.

Airlines must report the result of their inspections to the FAA within 24 hours of completion of the tests.

U.S. airlines operate more than 300 DC-9s, a twin-engine, short to medium-range jetliner manufactured by McDonnell Douglas Corp.

The FAA order was far less severe than an order earlier this year which resulted in the grounding of DC-10 jumbo jets around the world. That order followed the deaths of 273 persons in a DC-10 crash in Chicago.

Red Brigades members

Inmates seize Italian jail

TERMINI IMERESE, Sicily, Sept. 19 (R) — About 90 prisoners, more than half of them Red Brigades urban guerrillas, staged a revolt in a high security prison here Wednesday and seized control of part of the jail.

They captured one jailer and destroyed part of the prison's interior, police said.

The jail was immediately surrounded by armed police.

One of the Red Brigades detainees, Alfredo Bonavita,



FREE AT LAST: Juan Tur of Tampa, Fla., is greeted by his sister (right) and other relatives after he arrived in Miami Monday from Cuba where he had been in jail for 17 years. Tur and three other Americans were freed by Cuba after the U.S. had released four Puerto Ricans who had been jailed since the 1950s for terrorist attacks on congressmen and President Harry Truman.

Civilian rulers strictly nonaligned

Nigerians to stress agriculture

LAGOS, Sept. 19 (AP) — Nigeria's new administration appears likely to stress agriculture and a cautious free enterprise approach at home and strict non-alignment abroad.

President-elect Shehu Shagari's National Party of Nigeria is committed to encouraging private enterprise, and officials have said that even government participation in industry will be planned with this in mind.

The cornerstone of the NPN program will be efforts to revive agriculture. Shagari, a slight 55-year-old former science teacher who returned to his 160-hectare farm at Sokoto in 1975 after five years as finance minister, has promised a "green revolution."

Twelve years ago, food exports made up 65 per cent of Nigeria's foreign earnings. Last year the country had to import \$1.5 billion worth of foodstuffs.

Although 70 per cent of Nigeria's 80 million people are involved in farming, they account for only 25 per cent of the nation's production.

The NPN plans to increase agricultural spending from the current 7 per cent of the budget to 10 per cent in 1980 and to 20 per cent in 1981.

In policy statements the party has said the government will offer farmers low cost fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, bullocks, plows,

financial aid, rental tractors and advice centers.

The party said pilot programs and experimental farms have been ruled out in favor of more direct help for farmers.

In industry, the government says it will remain involved in steel and petro-chemical production. Domestic manufacture of goods that would replace imports will be left to private enterprise, which will be encouraged by tax cuts.

Foreign investors will be encouraged with tax credits, easier repatriation of profits and other measures.

Adamu Ciroma, NPN secret-

ary, said that in some cases the government may relax the requirement that joint ventures include Nigerians.

By early next year the government will be in a position to reconsider the ban on imports of a long list of goods.

Ciroma said the government's timetable rather than the substance of its plans might encounter opposition.

"The things that need to be done are so obvious that the parties do not have to disagree on them," he said, "but a dispute could very well erupt over timing."

Peking's delegates fly Sunday to Russia

PEKING, Sept. 19 (R) — China's delegation to talks with the Soviet Union aimed at improving relations between the two communist giants will leave for Moscow Sunday after a week's delay, a spokesman for the foreign ministry said Wednesday.

He said the four-man delegation, led by Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yiping, and a number of technical experts would fly to Moscow on the weekly scheduled flight.

The delegation was originally to have left for last Sunday, but their departure was delayed for unspecified "technical reasons."

Wang was ambassador to Moscow before being promoted to vice foreign minister earlier this year.

The Soviet side will be headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Leonid Ilyichev. Moscow's chief negotiator to long-running but so far unfruitful border talks are held periodically in Peking.

The talks in Moscow are expected to cover a wide range of outstanding problems between China and the Soviet Union, including their border dispute.

However, sources said last week that an agenda had not yet been decided upon, nor had it been decided whether the talks would be held only in Moscow or alternate with Peking.

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Common formula bid for OPEC gas price

VIENNA, Sept. 19 (AP)—The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is trying to reach a uniform price for natural gas exports from member countries, an OPEC spokesman said Wednesday.

Hamid Zaheri, OPEC's chief of information, said after a two-day meeting of experts from eight member countries that the organization was seeking a common formula for pricing natural gas.

He said several meetings on the issue have been held over the past two years, but he did not say if the experts agreed on a pricing system.

Gulf team meeting Lloyds again

ABU DHABI, Sept. 19 (R)—Lloyd's insurance underwriters and a Gulf delegation will meet again in London next Wednesday to discuss the terms and conditions of war risk insurance of ship hulls, the official Emirates news agency WAM said Wednesday.

The two sides first met in London last Thursday to have Lloyd's reverse its August 14 decision declaring the oil-rich Gulf a war zone and doubling the normal insurance cover to 0.05 per cent of a ship's value per year.

But Lloyd's said after the meeting that the new war risk premiums would remain, although this did not mean that they considered the Gulf region a war zone.

Zaheri explained the OPEC countries were trying to "unify" natural gas prices and seeking to compare them with those charged for petroleum products.

He added the experts prepared a report on gas pricing which would be included in that of OPEC's Economic Commission going to the conference of OPEC ministers to be held in Caracas later this year.

OPEC's efforts to reach a uniform price for gas exported abroad coincide with reports of new substantial gas finds in member countries.

In the absence of a common OPEC price, some members have reportedly upped prices earlier this year. Kuwait increased its gas price for the second quarter of this year by four per cent to 127 dollars per metric ton.

In March this year Abu Dhabi's National Oil Company announced discovery of a huge offshore natural gas deposit experts said was believed to be among the largest in the world.

Saudi Arabia, along with Algeria among key gas exporters within OPEC so far, last December reported efforts to expand gas exports.

Petroleum, the national organization in charge of crude oil and natural resources, went on record as saying there were plans to step up the export volume of Saudi Gas to account for 30 per cent of the current world gas consumption.

The most important gas exporter to date has been the Soviet Union shipping increasingly large amounts to Western countries.



BANK RISE: A view from a famous London bank looking down on the metropolis. British photographer, Len Dance, was winched up from the ground in an open cable to a position above the 650ft National Westminster Tower Building in the City of London. The Tower, with foundations reaching 200ft into the ground, will house the international headquarters of the bank. (Picture was taken using a 30mm fish-eye lens.)

Transports fall

Market up and down, leveling later

NEW YORK, Sept. 19—After opening sharply lower in active trading, the market saw a negative territory throughout the afternoon hours with volume ahead of yesterday's level. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 7.16 to 874.15. Dow Jones Industrial Transport fell 2.19 to 263.68, and Dow Jones Industrial Utilities down .91 to 106.26. Volume of trading for the day was 38.9 million shares. Breadth was on the negative side as declines led advances 1135 to 360 and 405 issues unchanged. The America Exchange Index

dropped 1.25 to 222.62. News at the close. The Federal Reserve raised the discount rate to 11 per cent from 10.5 per cent effective Wednesday.

Growth and glamors turned in a negative performance with Lilly down 1 1/4 to 58, Merck fell 1/4 to 66 1/4, Smith K. Line dropped 1/4 to 45 1/4, Humana down 1/4 to 33 1/4, Digital Equipment off 1/4 to 63 1/4, IBM down 1/4 to 68, Honeywell fell 1/4 to 77 1/4, Storage Technology off 1/4 to 16 1/4, National Semi fell 1/4 to 29 1/4, Texas Inst. down 1/4 to 47 1/4, Kodak declined 1/4 to 54 1/4, and

CBS dropped 1 to 52 1/4. Energy issues were mixed with Marathon Oil up 1/4 to 42, Getty Oil gained 1/4 to 61 1/4, Std. Oil of Ohio lost 1 to 66 1/4, Gulf Oil dropped 1/4 to 32 1/4, Mobil rose 1/4 to 49 1/4, Pittston advanced 1 1/4 to 28 1/4, Halliburton declined 1 1/4 to 79 1/4, Union Oil of Cal added 1/4 to 46 1/4, Texas Oil and Gas lost 1/4 to 47 1/4, Transco down 1/4 to 33 1/4, and Utd. Energy Resources lost 1/4 to 48 1/4.

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U.S. energy aide not in favor of country to country oil deals

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19—A top U.S. energy executive said Tuesday it would be disastrous for the government to take over negotiating the price the United States pays for imported oil.

"It is unlikely that any government organization could duplicate the efficiency of the private market in this area," said David Bardin, administrator of the energy department's economic regulatory commission.

Instead, Bardin said, the administration is preparing a "flexible" import quota program

which will probably be announced before the end of the year.

Bardin testified before a Senate Energy Subcommittee which is considering proposals for substituting government control over the amount and price of energy imported from the organization of petroleum exporting countries.

Currently, big international oil companies negotiate the price and amount of imports, a system critics say only encourages higher prices and gasoline shortages.

President Jimmy Carter announced July 16 that he would use existing law to limit oil imports to 8.2 million barrels daily, as one means of reducing U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

As for proposals to establish a new Federal agency to bargain with oil-producing nations on the price of oil, Bardin said to enact them "would be courting disaster."

Meanwhile House of Representatives and Senate negotiators reached agreement Tuesday night on a compromise formula to give the President of the United States authority to ration gasoline during a severe shortage.

Under the agreement, the Congress would have two chances at rejecting a rationing plan first when the President proposes it and then again when he attempts to invoke it.

The compromise came on sixth day of negotiations broke a stalemate over the details of Congressional involvement in the rationing process.

House and Senate leaders said they could win approval in their respective chambers of the measure. A Congressional official attend the session said that the White House could accept the compromise version of the legislation.

House conferees abandon their earlier insistence that President be given a free hand drafting details of the rationing program.

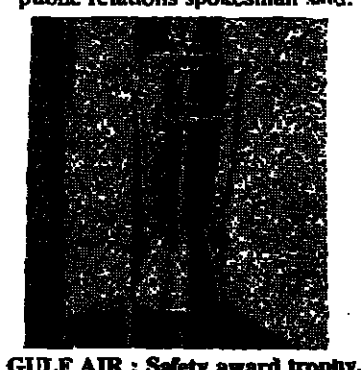
The Conference Committee named to resolve House and Senate differences on the rationing legislation, voted to give Congress the power to reject a rationing scheme once it is submitted to the President.

Gulf Air award for safety

BAHRAIN, Sept. 19—It is not only crashes in the air which worry many airlines, but also accidents on the ground.

A safety awards scheme for Gulf Air in Bahrain and all stations operating self-handling procedures has been introduced by the company to promote increased safety awareness and to recognise individual and departmental performance.

A trophy in the form of a silver cup will be presented annually to the "Department of the Year" which has the best safety record. Additionally certificates of commendation signed by the General Manager Administration and the Ground Safety Officer will be presented to all departments with good safety records. Individual awards also will be given to members of these departments, a public relations spokesman said.



GULF AIR: Safety award trophy.

June balance sheet of commercial banks

RIYADH, Sept. 19 (SPA)—The Saudi Arabia Monetary Agency (SAMA) has released the following consolidated balance sheet of commercial banks as at the end of June 24. The statement was received Wednesday.

	(In millions of S. R.)
ASSETS	
1) Cash in hand and deposits with SAMA	18,330.7
2) Balances due from banks outside	7,089.9
3) Balances due from banks in Saudi Arabia	786.6
4) Loans, Advances and Discounts	20,888.8
5) Investments	1,349.9
6) Other Assets	3,365.6
7) Contra Accounts	48,099.1
TOTAL	97,892.6
LIABILITIES	
1) Capital and Reserve	1,999.1
2) Balances due to banks abroad	4,025.5
3) Balances due to banks in Saudi Arabia	33,975.4
4) Demand, Time and Savings Deposits	6,467.8
5) Other deposits	5,325.7
6) Other Liabilities	46,099.1
7) Contra Accounts	97,892.6
TOTAL	97,892.6

Foreign Exchange Rates

WEDNESDAY	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.365
Pound Sterling	7.26	7.31	7.25
Deutsche Mark (100)	186.00	186.50	186.40
Swiss F (100)	207.00	207.00	206.25
French F (100)	80.00	80.00	89.80
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	41.40	41.55
Lebanese Lira (100)	103.25	102.85	86.85
Syria Lira (100)	78.00	78.00	86.85
Egyptian Pound	4.45	4.45	4.65
Kuwait Dinar	12.18	12.15	11.15
Jordanian Dinar	11.20	11.15	88.80
Emirates Dirham (100)	88.90	88.80	90.00
Qatari Riyal (100)	90.00	90.00	8.85
Bahraini Dinar	8.90	8.85	—
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	9.25	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	74.25	74.10	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	81.00	86.85	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	41.20	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.20	—
Gold kg.	39,400.00	4,800.00	—
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Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.10	15.60	15.60
Canadian Dollar	2.88	4.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	116.00	114.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	169.00	170.00	169.70
Spanish Peso	—	52.00	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	85.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	46.00

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13	Miss Y	Gosabi	Gen'l Cargo	17-9-79
14	Asia Samho	Gulf	Gen'l Cargo	17-9-79
15	Four Koro	General	Gen'l Cargo	17-9-79
16	Pasra Flag	S.M.C.	Gen'l Cargo	17-9-79
17	Nedlloyd Bangkok	Kanoo	Gen'l Cargo	17-9-79
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Three games

Angels down Royals to pad AL West lead

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (AP) — A four-run first inning catapulted California to a 6-4 victory over Kansas City Tuesday night, padding the Angels' first-place lead in the American League West to three games over the Royals.

Royals starter Rich Gale, 9-10, walked Rod Carew and Carney Lansford to start the inning. Dan Ford got an RBI single. Don Baylor hit a sacrifice fly. Willie Wilkens doubled and Bobby Grich then singled off reliever Marty Pattin.

Aikens was taken from the game on a stretcher after sliding into second in the first inning and apparently injuring his left knee.

In the sixth, Don Baylor tripled and scored on a single by Willie Davis, who eventually scored on Jim Anderson's sacrifice fly.

Dave Frost, 15-9, needed relief help from John Montague in the ninth for California.

In other American League contests, Detroit edged Baltimore 2-1 as Dan Petry and Zucello Rodriguez combined on a four-hitter.

Karpov admits he may have to play Korchnoi

MOSCOW, Sept. 19 (AP) — World chess champion Anatoly Karpov acknowledged Tuesday that he may "theoretically" have to play again against Victor Korchnoi, his opponent in the world championships last year in the Philippines.

Korchnoi, claiming he was deliberately upset by a hypnotist during the 32nd game of the championships, has filed suit in Holland — the 1978 headquarters of the International Chess Federation — demanding that the match be replayed.

The Soviet Chess Federation has already filed a letter with the Amsterdam court refusing to recognize the court's authority.

land bombed the Yankees 16-3 as Cliff Johnson and Toby Harrop each slammed two home runs. Mike Torrez broke a personal three-game losing streak with a seven-hitter in Boston's triumph over Toronto, and the White Sox beat Minnesota 1-0 in 10 innings behind Ken Kravec's three-hitter and Thad Bosley's RBI single.

In the National League, Jay Johnstone rapped a pair of run-scoring singles and Eric Rasmusen pitched a six-hitter as San Diego beat Houston 4-0.

The Chicago Cubs swept a doubleheader from the New York Mets, 2-0 and 2-1 in 11 innings. Dave Kingman singled in both runs in the opener and Rick Reuschel won his 18th game in 28 decisions. Kingman knocked in the game winner with a single in the 11th of the nightcap. Bruce Sutter saved both games, tying the NL mark with 37.

Philadelphia beat St. Louis 5-3 in 10 innings as Greg Gross pinch-hit a sacrifice fly and Garry Maddox followed.



OVAL: Ian Chappell is caught by Rodney Marsh in the International Basketball of the Year Competition match last weekend at the Oval.

French sweep gymnastics

Italians top Split medals table

SPLIT, Yugoslavia, Sept. 19 (R) — France won all three medals in the men's gymnastics individual overall event, but the Italians jumped to the top of the medals table on the third day of the Mediterranean Games here.

Michel Boutard of France took the gymnastic event title with 113.15 points, ahead of his compatriots Willy Moy with 113.10 and Henry Boero who collected 113.05 points.

France's second gold medal of the day completed their performance almost faultlessly, ahead of Italy and Spain.

But Italy captured three golds, two silvers and four bronze in the five swimming events of the day. The Italians also won one title in wrestling to lead the field with a total of 30 medals.

Roberta Felotti of Italy won the women's 400 meters freestyle in four minutes 18.94 seconds ahead of Spain's Natalia Mas Nascedol, to break the old games record.

Her teammate Cinzia Savi Scarponi captured the 100 meters butterfly title in 1:02.56, which was also a games record.

The third Italian swimming gold came from their men's 4x 200 meters freestyle squad who also shattered the games record with a time of 7:56.70.

Yugoslavia's Borut Petric convincingly won the men's 400 meters individual medley swimming event, ahead of Italy's Giovanni Franceschi and Maurizio Divano.

Petric set a games record of four minutes 35.50 seconds.

Olivier Borios of France won the gold medal in men's 100 meters breaststroke, beating Davide Peloso and Sandro Wettore, both of Italy, into second and third positions.

Yugoslavia turned in a remarkable performance in the finals of Greco-Roman wrestling, winning seven of the ten events and capturing one silver medal.

Lionel Lacaze of France won the silver medal in the 68 kilo wrestling category, the only medal.

Bayi bullish on regaining 1,500 record

DAR ES SALAAM, Sept. 19 (R) — Filbert Bayi believes he can regain the world 1,500 meters record before next year's Moscow Olympics.

Bayi's world record of 3 min. 32.2 secs. stood for five years until it was broken by Britain's Sebastian Coe, who ran 3:32.1 in Zurich last month.

Bayi, in West Germany receiving treatment for a leg muscle injury and malaria, said "Sebastian Coe trained seriously to break the record and I am going to train more seriously than I did when I set the record in 1974. I think I can break it before the next Olympic Games."

Bayi will return to Tanzania on September 30 and take a short rest before resuming training.

Glenavon goes down to Liege

BELFAST, Sept. 19 (R) — Standard Liege of Belgium beat Glenavon of Northern Ireland 1-0 in their European Football Union first round first leg soccer match Tuesday.

Results of Tuesday night's football matches were:

Division Three			
Bury	1	Grimsby	1
Cardiff	1	Rotherham	1
Chesham	1	Hull	1
Colchester	2	Mansfield	1
Gillingham	1	Wimbledon	0
Millwall	1	Sheff Wed	3
Plymouth	1	Walsley	1
Sheff Wed	1	Blackpool	1
Swindon	1	Chertsey	1
Division Four			
Harlow	1	Reckless	0
Newport	2	Norhampton	1
Portsmouth	4	Bournemouth	1
Southampton	1	York	1
Walsall	3	Lincoln	0
Scottish Division Two			
East Stirling	2	Queen of the South	1
Anglo Scottish Cup Quarter Final First Leg			
Preston North End	1	Morton	1
Partick Thistle	1	Bristol City	1

Government acts

Ireland bans South African tour

DUBLIN, Sept. 19 (R) — The Irish government will ban a proposed tour here by a multi-racial South African rugby team.

In a statement issued after a cabinet meeting Tuesday, the government said it had reluctantly decided that it should not permit the visit to take place.

The statement said the government was "accordingly arranging to take steps to refuse entry of the team to Ireland."

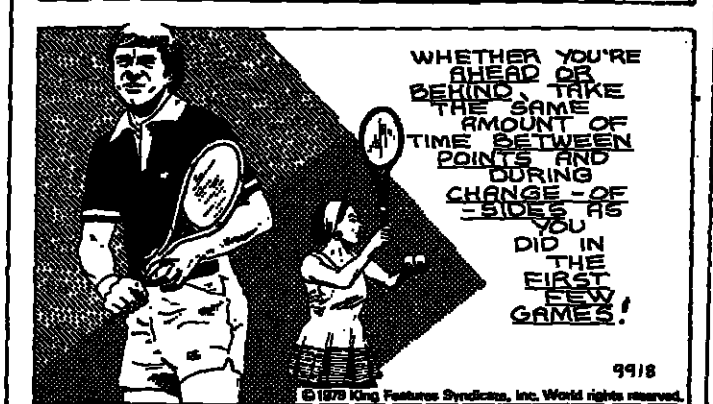
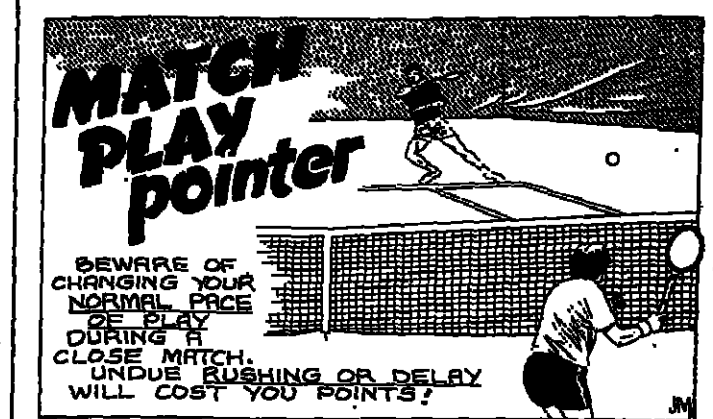
It did not elaborate. But the government appeared ready to use a 1934 act enabling it to refuse entry visas to either individuals or groups at its discretion.

"While moves towards integration are to be welcomed, it seems however that the local organization of many sports, including rugby football, unhappily continues to be largely determined by the organization of society in South Africa on the racially segregated basis of the apartheid system," the statement said.

The multi-racial Barbarians team was invited by the four home Unions to play two matches each in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland next month.

The British government has also voiced its opposition to the tour, but rugby authorities there have said it will go ahead.

Three days ago the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) stood by its invitation to the Barbarians, despite a government threat to "take action to stop the team coming to the country."

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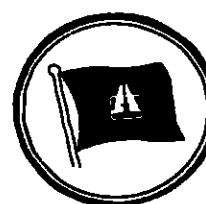
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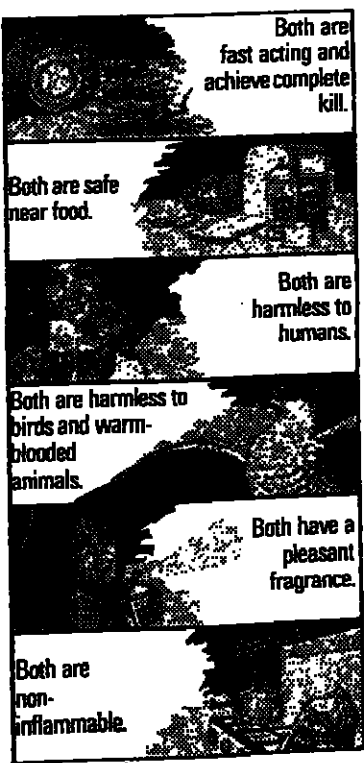
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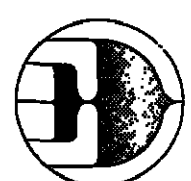
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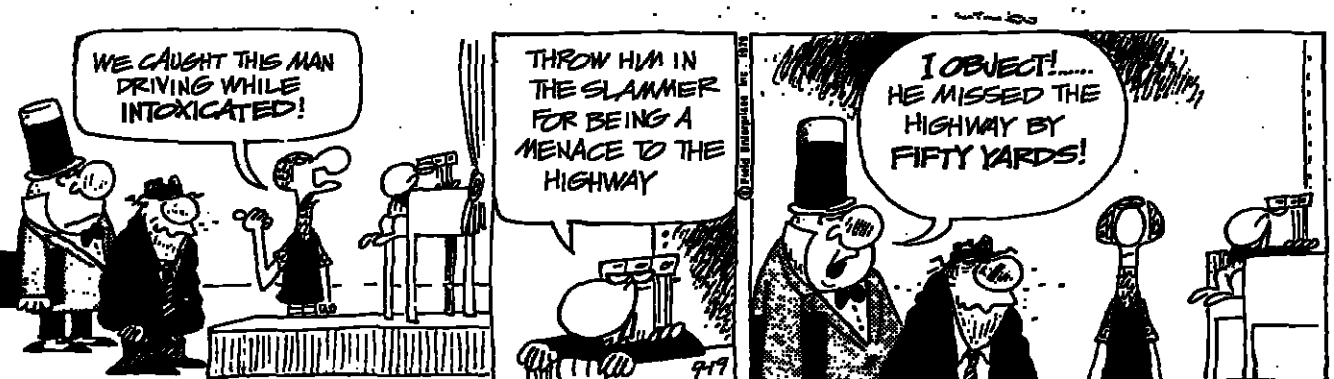
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The work load requires extra concentration. A sense of duty serves you well. A close ally may be concerned about finances.

TAURUS ♉
(Apr. 20 to May 20)
Meet responsibilities in connection with children. A love from the past may make an appearance. Co-workers may be uptight.

GEMINI ♊
(May 21 to June 20)
You're in a work groove and can accomplish more than you expect. Flow with the tide. Attend to responsibilities at home.

CANCER ♋
(June 21 to July 22)
It's time to sort out fact from fantasy. Straight talk from you will do much to dispel gossip. Serious talks go well.

LEO ♌
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Know when to call it quits re depending. Stick to budgets. Don't let a family member's agitation get to you. Remain calm.

VIRGO ♍
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
A family member's forgetfulness may concern

you. You may be feeling the responsibility towards others differently now. Remain resolute.

LIBRA ♎
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Forego daydreaming and escapism. Face facts about a personal matter. You're erratic now in spending. Be extra-careful if buying.

SCORPIO ♏
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
A carefree meeting with friends turns serious. Keep criticism to yourself. Others are likely to be touchy. Be tolerant of weakness.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Be alert when talking to superiors. A casual remark by a higher-up is a hint for you to toe the line. Assume responsibility.

CAPRICORN ♑
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
It's time to come to a decision re an educational, publishing, or distant matter. A business appointment may be canceled or changed.

AQUARIUS ♒
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Speaking your mind may be interpreted as selfishness by others. Don't be the one to make the truth hurt. Others ask for your help.

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Don't ignore the needs of close ones. Partners and close allies require your help even if they appear masterful of facts.

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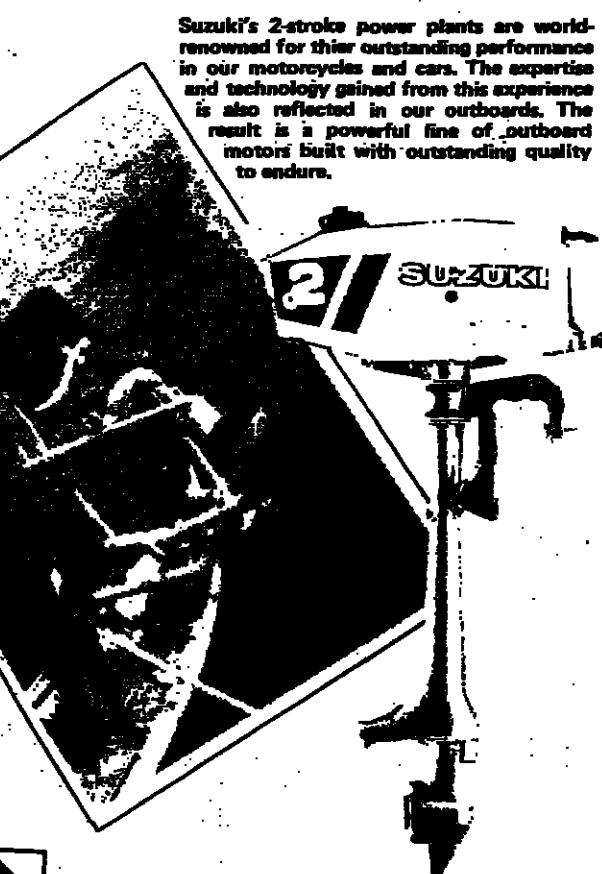
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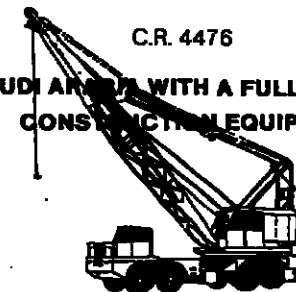
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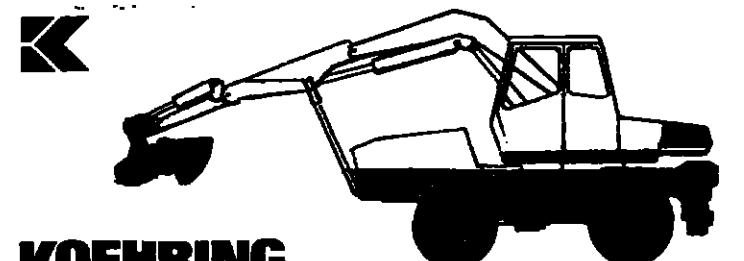
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On The Loose

By Michael J. Hall

Nothing much of note on the local scene this week, although the parade of high-ranking foreign dignitaries to these parts seems to have abated after several weeks of pretty hectic goings on here and in Taif.

That should give officials here — and reporters who are assigned to cover the visits — a chance for a well-earned breathing space. Personally, I'm planning to spend the entire weekend asleep.

One note to commuters — just because the new overpass at Palestine Road Circle seems to be open, doesn't mean that it is. All those cars you see using it are finding going a little rough, especially at the western end, where the road is missing certain amenities — like pavement.

After a lot of soul searching — and help from Arab News readers — I've finally settled on the above as the title for this weekly whatever.

On The Loose is meant to convey a number of things, chief among which is that I never know what I'm going to write until I sit down at the typewriter and start.

You've all heard the old saw about places where the streets were said to be paved with gold. First it was "the Indies," then America and more recently the claim has been made of some states in the Arab Gulf.

But in Fernley, Nevada, it actually happened this week. Or almost, if you'll accept more than \$ 800,000 in coins as gold.

It seems a driver from the U.S. Mint in Denver, Colorado fell asleep at the wheel while hauling a load of 25-cent pieces to a California bank Tuesday morning.

His truck sideswiped a parked vehicle, tipping over the cargo section, and out rolled the quarters — enough to cover one-third of a kilometer of highway.

Squads of students were recruited to help with the big clean-up later in the day. But in their report on the incident, federal officials didn't indicate whether all the loot had been recovered.

My bet is that there are a lot of suddenly full piggy-banks in Fernley right now.

The award for enterprise this week goes to Peter Stelzyk, late of East Germany, who flew to freedom in the West in a home-made hot air balloon.

The balloon, made in 15 days by Stelzyk's wife and a friend, consisted of curtains and bedsheets carefully stitched together by the two women, and hot air to keep it aloft was generated from old cylinders of propane gas.

Stelzyk's "up, up and away" creation got a total of eight people in two families across the tightly petrolled border.

Ironically, the designer credits the East German authorities themselves with inspiring his escape. "The idea came to me when watching an East German television program on ballooning," he said after the craft touched down.

Salisbury delegation optimistic Progress seen at Rhodesia meeting

LONDON, Sept. 19 (R) — The Zimbabwe Rhodesian delegation at Rhodesian peace talks Wednesday declared that it had made considerable progress with Britain over a new black rule constitution and that British agreement could be reached soon.

The Salisbury team, including Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa and former white Premier Ian Smith, Wednesday met British conference chairman Lord Carrington, for two hours.

Striking his delegation's first optimistic note at the 10-day-old conference, Foreign Minister David Mukome told reporters afterwards: "considerable progress has been made."

The British are moving towards us and we are moving towards them and there appears to be plenty of room for an accommodation with each other and ultimately arriving at an agreement.

"We should arrive at a broad agreement (on a constitution) in the very near future," he decided.

Lord Carrington later was due to meet Patriotic Front leaders, who have made agreement on a constitution for a legally independent Zimbabwe contingent on accord on measures leading to fresh elections.

Mukome would not commit himself on whether, if agreement was reached with Britain on a new constitution, his delegation would go on to discuss transitional arrangements.

Muzorewa has all along insisted that he had come to London only to discuss a constitution



Lord Carrington

with Britain in order to end the seven-year-old rebellion in his country.

Mukome did not rule out the possibility of a meeting in Britain between Muzorewa and Patriotic Front leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe.

He said Wednesday's talks with Britain centered on three main areas, all involving the future of the 230,000 whites in the seven million-population breakaway territory.

They were: a blocking mechanism in parliament to enable whites to veto changes they regard as inimical to their interests specially reserved parliamentary seats for the minority and day-to-day control of commissions running the public services, judiciary and security forces.

Britain and the Patriotic Front insist that the whites must give up their right to block constitutional change as well as their privileged position on the commissions.

Earlier the Rhodesian peace conference had been approaching a crisis with Muzorewa threatening to quit unless his team reached a breakthrough over a new constitution with Britain within three days.

At the close of the ninth day of the conference Tuesday night, Muzorewa's men were calling Patriotic Front guerrilla peace proposals laughable and were describing themselves as frustrated at lack of progress.

Informed British sources said Britain, the conference chairman, was also disappointed over Patriotic Front plans for a transition to legal independence. "They are a recipe for paralysis," one stated.

Britain, these sources said, felt the guerrillas were seeking power for themselves. This view was shared by the Salisbury team.

"There is no way we can get together with the front," a Muzorewa official said. "They want power and we have power and power is indivisible."

The conference Wednesday entered a series of bilateral negotiations between the British delegation, led by Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, and the Muzorewa team and between Britain and the Patriotic Front.

Patriotic Front plans for a transition to majority rule, unveiled Tuesday, provided for U.N. supervision of new elections and an eight-man governing council in which the guerrillas would occupy half the seats. Britain and the Muzorewa government would share the other half.

Informed British sources said the London government felt that this would give the Front a built-in advantage and said the British could not accept being included in the same category as the Muzorewa administration.

The sources said Britain also objected to the introduction of the United Nations and stated that Commonwealth heads of state at last month's Lusaka summit, which cleared the way for the constitutional conference, had agreed that Britain would supervise fresh elections.

"The Front plan gives the appearance of being moderate but is really aimed at seeking power for the guerrillas during the transition," one British source said. "The plan poses serious problems."

Storm kills two in the Philippines

MANILA, Philippines, Sept. 19 (AP) — Two deaths were confirmed, two persons were missing and hundreds homeless after tropical storm Mac battered a wide section of the main island of Luzon, relief officials said Wednesday.

The storm headed for the south China sea after crossing Luzon.

The National Disaster Coordination Center, in reports carried by the government news agency, reported that 300 families had lost their homes as the storm crossed the Bulacan region on the southeastern tip of the island.

The Red Cross reported 55 families homeless in Camarines Norte province.

O'Neill now thinks Kennedy will seek presidency in 1980

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP) — Thomas P. O'Neill, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives said Tuesday that recent comments by Senator Edward M. Kennedy have convinced him that Kennedy is considering a race for the 1980 presidential nomination.

In a related statement, Democratic National Chairman John C. White — a Carter ally — said a battle between Kennedy and President Jimmy Carter for their party's nomination would not necessarily split the party. He predicted Democrats could unite behind the victor.

White added that Carter is under some pressure to officially declare his candidacy soon, a formality that would allow Carter to get commitments of support from important groups before he can present himself as an option.

The debate over a possible Carter-Kennedy fight has dominated U.S. political news in recent weeks. Democrats who feel Carter's handling of U.S. economic problems have urged a Kennedy candidacy and most pollsters predict Kennedy could beat Carter in the 1980 election.

O'Neill's statement Tuesday represented a quick turnaround from his earlier predictions that Kennedy would not seek the Democratic nomination. Over the weekend, O'Neill, a longtime Kennedy ally, said he had "strong feelings" that Kennedy would not run.

White's statement that a Kennedy-Carter battle would not necessarily split the party marked a similar reversal.

The Democratic Party chairman had said earlier that a Kennedy effort to unseat Carter in the primaries would virtually assure victory for the Republican candidate in the general election.

But White took a different tack after meeting



Senator Kennedy

ing Tuesday morning with Carter and Democratic congressional leaders at the White House.

"It would be a classic struggle," White said, but he added that such a clash "doesn't have to split the party."

"If we handle our business poorly, if we don't do our business right, it could, but my job is to keep that from happening," the party chairman said.

He said if Kennedy runs, "we'll fight it on the issues, and unite and support each other strongly...it could work out very well."

White said some of Carter's political advisers met Monday night to discuss strategy, but reached no agreement on when he should announce.

"There was discussion back and forth," White said. "Some thought he ought to wait awhile, some thought he ought to declare early," with an eye toward lining up support. White said he personally favors an early declaration.

Plant ordered closed

Bomb-grade uranium missing in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP) — The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ordered an immediate shutdown Tuesday of an atomic fuel fabrication plant in Tennessee after the plant reported the apparent loss of weapons-grade uranium.

The Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., atomic fuel fabrication plant at Erwin, Tennessee, was ordered closed after reporting the loss of at least 9 kilograms of "high-enriched" uranium.

NRC spokesman Frank Ingram said the "high-enriched" uranium can be used to make atomic weapons.

He refused to say how much of the nuclear material is missing, saying the information is classified. But under licensing arrangement, the company is required to report the loss of 9 kilograms or more of highly enriched uranium and shut down for inventory within 72 hours. Material is inventoried every two months.

In this case, the NRC did not allow the 72-hour deadline to run its course, but stepped in immediately to order a shutdown until the material can be found.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Those doomed like us to roam the corners of the globe looking for news spend a great deal of time in taxis. Few of us, however, have time to note the differences in the lives of the various nations as reflected in their respective taxi services.

In the United States, especially in big cities like New York, cabdrivers sit in an almost sealed compartment, dealing with passengers in the back through a very small opening. Often they have guard dogs accompanying them. All these precautions, however, do not prevent many cabbies from being robbed, injured, and even killed by criminals.

Security is better in France. But the real danger comes from the famous Gallic "free for all" on the streets. Cars overtake each other whenever and however they like. Drivers scream and swear and treat other like blood-enemies.

In Italy, driving is just as dangerous and the drivers are noisy. Except that it is usually good-humored noise. Cabmen think nothing of stopping to pass the time of day with a friend, with the passenger fuming in the back. No pretty girl is passed without explosive "audio-visual" appreciation of her charms. The driver might suddenly remember he has to deliver a message to his aunt. You might miss that plane out of Rome, but you are sure to get your money's worth out of the taxi ride.

Cairo taxi-drivers... but no. We'll leave them alone for fear of accusations of bias against the curiously static "peace process."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Get asylum in U.S.

Two more Bolshoi dancers defect

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 19 (R) — Soviet Bolshoi Ballet dancers Leonid Kozlov and his wife Valentina were being closely guarded by U.S. security agents Wednesday after defecting and being granted asylum in the United States.

Immigration officials said the Kozlovs were staying at a secret hideout until it was felt safe for them to appear in public.

The couple walked into an immigration office Monday after contacting an American intermediary following the Bolshoi's final performance of its U.S. tour in Los Angeles on Sunday night.

They defected only 25 days after another principal dancer with the Bolshoi, Alexander Godunov, was granted asylum in New York.

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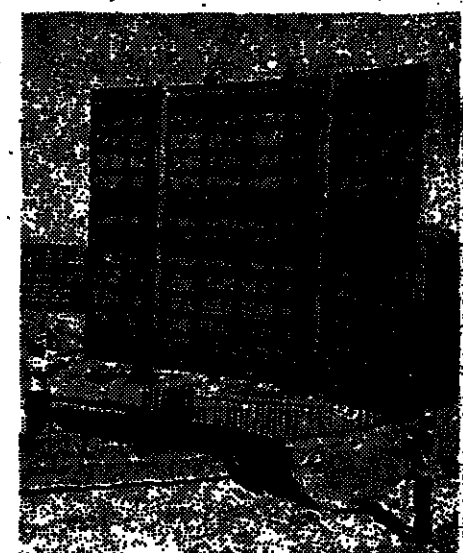
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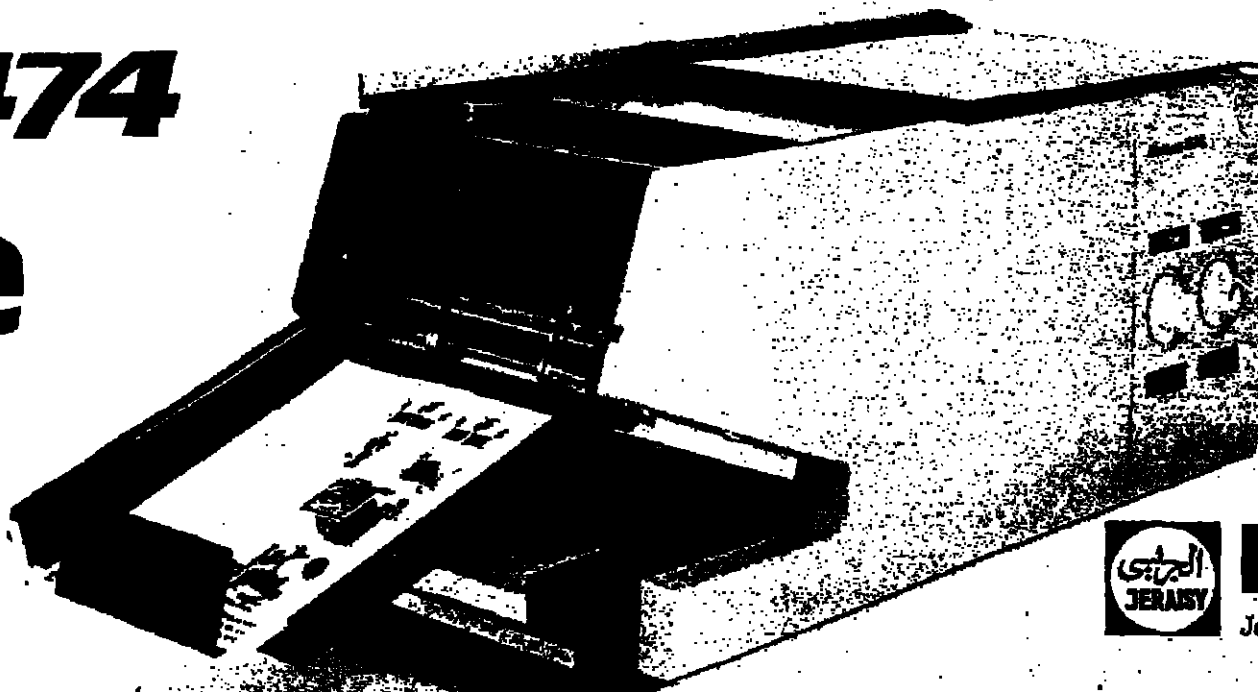
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